

**IOWA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2025**  
**(Corrected)**

The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission (IRGC) met on Thursday, October 2, 2025 at Rhythm City Casino Resort in Davenport, Iowa. Commission members present were Chair, Mark Campbell, Vice Chair, Amy Burkhart, and members Daryl Olsen and Alan Ostergren.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM and requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Olsen so moved. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Chair Campbell requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2025 Commission meeting. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**WELCOME:** Mo Hyder, General Manager, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He said they were honored to host the Commission and to have the opportunity to showcase their property and all the work they do daily to deliver a safe, responsible and entertaining gaming experience for all of their guests. Mayor Matson was planning on joining but he had a family emergency and was unable to attend. Mr. Hyder said Rhythm City has an excellent working relationship with the city of Davenport and Mayor Matson has been steadfast in his support of not only the casino but also the gaming industry.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Tina Eick, Administrator of IRGC, advised the next meeting will be held on November 20th at Isle of Capri in Waterloo, IA. The submission deadline for this meeting will be Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. She noted this was one day earlier than normal to due to the Veteran's Day holiday. There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> at Lakeside in Osceola, IA.

Ms. Eick took a minute to recognize and thank the Commission staff that was in attendance at the meeting. She said these staff members are the Commission's representatives at each facility. They license employees, do regular compliance checks, perform investigations, and do auditing and slot work. She introduced Dan Martens, gaming representative at Rhythm City, Stan McClellan, lead gaming representative at Rhythm City and Stu Hoover, gaming representative at Isle of Capri in Bettendorf. She announced it was also Mr. Hoover's last day as he is retiring. She wished him well and then invited Nancy Ballenger, General Manager of Isle of Capri Bettendorf, to the podium.

Ms. Ballenger said she wanted to recognize Stu on his 30 plus years of service. She said he made them better at their jobs as he shared his knowledge, held them accountable for their actions, and provided guidance when they needed it. She congratulated him on his retirement and presented him with a plaque containing a chip collection.

Chair Campbell congratulated Stu and thanked him for his service.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES:** David Ranscht, General Counsel, stated that in August, the Commission directed staff to prepare a regulatory analysis about the application fee for new casino applications in Iowa. This regulatory analysis was the first step in raising the application fee and making it refundable. The regulatory analysis was published in the administrative bulletin on October 1, 2025. Mr. Ranscht said there is a hearing at the IRGC office on October 21<sup>st</sup> and staff will accept comments at that hearing or any time before that hearing.

Commissioner Ostergren said he thinks it would be helpful if the industry filed comments as he feels there is support from the industry. He said it's a relatively informal process to make comments but he believes it would be good to show some engagement on the front end about the rules. He directed people to reach out to Mr. Ranscht if they had questions on that process.

**IOWA WEST RACING ASSOCIATION (IWRA) D/B/A HORSESHOE CASINO COUNCIL BLUFFS:**

Application for a Pari-Mutuel License, Racetrack Enclosure Gambling License, and Sports Wagering License for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. IWRA has requested year-round simulcasting, with no live racing dates. Brenda Mainwaring, President and CEO of the IWRA, thanked the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission, the staff, the Commissioners and the industry. She said it has been 40 years since the state of Iowa approved gaming and the legislators did something no other state had ever done, they integrated gaming partners and their communities. She said every year IWRA and Horseshoe stand together to request their license be renewed because together is how they are changing their communities.

Ms. Mainwaring said with the four million dollar commitment they make to the city of Council Bluffs, the city has been able to produce housing for over 5,000 residents. She said when Nebraska started gaming it was predicted that they would have a loss of revenue of 40% but they have beat those odds by a mile. She said Iowa West Racing, Horseshoe, all of the QSOs, and their gaming partners have changed the state of Iowa, and she thanked the Commission for allowing them to make that possible.

Thomas Roberts, General Manager, said as they progress through 2025, they continue to navigate an increasingly competitive landscape, particularly with the expanded operations in Nebraska and Carter Lake. He said in response to this they have taken a more assertive approach to safeguarding their market position, investing capital, being more assertive in their marketing strategies, and enhancing the overall guest experience to ensure they remain a premier gaming experience in the region.

Mr. Roberts said in 2025 their capital expenditures totaled 6.5 million dollars, significantly above the original plan of 1.7 million dollars. These enhancements included things such as new carpet, updated wallpaper, and HVAC improvements. He said they have also expanded their slot offerings and addressed some infrastructure needs. In 2024 a third party was slated to open an Asian

restaurant but experienced some delays. He said he is pleased to announce that the construction for that is now underway and they should have it open by New Year's Eve.

Mr. Roberts said that staffing continues to remain a challenge for them, but they have made significant strides in 2025 by increasing their dealer and supervisor headcount by 16.5%, which has allowed them to offer more open hours and a broader variety of games during peak periods.

Mr. Roberts said that Caesar's Entertainment pioneered the industry's first responsible gaming program in 1989 and has remained a leader for 35 years. He said their efforts were recognized by the National Council on Problem Gaming's award for corporate responsibility. He said at Caesar's responsible gaming is not just a policy but what they cultivate every day. He said on behalf of their 596 dedicated employees, they proudly support Ms. Mainwaring's request for a license renewal and look forward to a continued relationship with the Commission.

Commissioner Burkhardt asked what staffing challenges they are still experiencing. Mr. Roberts said culinary is their biggest challenge. They have been working with Iowa West Community College and their advisory committee. He said they find cooks and then send them to school, so kind of working reverse.

Commissioner Burkhardt asked if there are any amenities that are not fully open to the public because of the staffing challenges. Mr. Roberts said no, everything is open, with one temporary exception: a section of the sportsbook needed to be shut down due to water issues earlier in the year.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Olsen moved to approve Iowa West Racing Association's Application for a Pari-Mutuel License, Racetrack Enclosure License and Sports Wagering License for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 and approve the facility's revised security plan with the following conditions:

- Staff be provided with an accurate and updated list of all signals being taken by the simulcast venue on an ongoing basis.
- Import contracts continue to be available on demand to staff to ensure regulatory compliance.

Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Contract: Mr. Roberts presented a contract with Southwest Airlines for guest and employee travel for Commission approval.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Olsen moved to approve the contract as submitted by Horseshoe Casino Council Bluffs. Commissioner Burkhardt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**PRAIRIE MEADOWS RACETRACK AND CASINO, INC. D/B/A PRAIRIE MEADOWS RACETRACK AND CASINO:**

Application for Pari-Mutuel License and Granting of Race Dates; Racetrack Enclosure Gambling License, and Sports Wagering License for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Year-round simulcasting was requested with the exception of December 24 and 25. Gary Palmer, General Manager, said this was their 36<sup>th</sup> year in business and they believe it will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest year they have ever had. He said they have given about \$50 million to their community for nonprofits and to help the community grow. They also spent about \$9 million in 2025 in capital improvements and plan to spend an addition \$13 million in 2026. He said they are continually reinvesting and remodeling their property to have the guest experience be the best it can be. He said he knows it is a privilege to have a license in the state of Iowa and they will continue to do their best to fulfill their obligation to the IRGC.

Commissioner Burkhardt asked Mr. Palmer to explain how the facility addresses responsible gaming. Mr. Palmer said they take responsible gaming very seriously and they train their employees to be aware of people that are having problems and to address it.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Olsen moved to approve Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc.'s application for a Pari-Mutuel License, Racetrack Enclosure License and Sports Wagering License for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 without race dates, and approve the facility's revised security plan, with the following conditions:

- The race dates for the 2026 season will be established by the Commission.
- The export contracts must continue to have the review and approval by staff to ensure regulatory compliance.
- The import contracts must continue to be available on demand to staff to ensure regulatory compliance.
- All marketing promotions that may affect live racing, particularly the racing schedule and post times, shall have **prior approval** from the IRGC.

Commissioner Burkhardt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Recap of Race Meet: Derron Heldt, Vice President of Racing, gave a brief recap of their recently completed 80 day race meet that actually ended up being 81 days, as they had to have a makeup date for a weather related cancelation. The combined on track handle for both thoroughbreds and quarter horses was down about 1.8%. For quarter horses, off track handle was down about 7.2% and for thoroughbreds it was down about 5%. He said with the two handles combined, both thoroughbreds and quarter horses were down about 5% over the prior year and this was with 12 additional races.

Mr. Heldt said on field size, thoroughbreds averaged 6.18 horses per race versus 6.28 in 2024. On the quarter horse side, the numbers were up this year. They averaged 7.27 horses per race versus 7.07 from last year.

Mr. Heldt talked about some of the races that were held during the season and announced their leading owners, trainers and jockeys from both breeds. He said a couple of the highlights during the meet were the Festival or Racing that took place in July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and the fall sale that the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association had at the end of August.

Mr. Heldt said now that it's the end of the meet his staff is busy working on the main training track and horse paths and putting down new material to have it ready for the spring. They are also working on repairing some spots on the barn roads and continuing their project with the barn windows.

Commissioner Burkhardt asked if he said they were working on four windows, or four barns. Mr. Heldt clarified they will be replacing windows in four barns for a total of 26 windows. Commissioner Burkhardt then asked what percentage of stalls were being used on the backside during the meet. Mr. Heldt said during the peak season, around June and July, capacity for both breeds was anywhere from 93-95% and that started tailing off in August.

#### **2026 HORSE RACING SEASON:**

Schedule Update and Review of Race Meet Proposals: Ms. Eick reminded everyone that at the August 2025 Commission meeting the Commissioners stated that if the parties had not reached an agreement on dates for the 2026 race season, the Commission would set those dates. Under the statute, if the parties do not agree to a mixed meet, it will be separate meets. The thoroughbred meet is required to be 67 days long at minimum and the quarter horse meet is required to be a minimum of 26 days long. The law also requires that for the Commission to authorize simulcasting they need to schedule no less than 60 performances of nine live races each day of the season. Staff asked the parties to submit written proposals for any standalone meets and the Commission did receive three proposals.

Decide Race Dates for 2026 Race Meet: Commissioner Olsen said he was very disappointed that the parties could not come to an agreement because the last thing they want to do is set the dates. He said one of his biggest concerns from the 2024 horse racing study was industry stability and giving stability to the owners so that they knew that they had a long-term future, and because of that, he said he wished they could get to a multi-year contract. Commissioner Olsen said the Commission did receive three different proposals, but two of them were almost identical.

Chair Campbell thanked everyone for all of their work on the race dates. He said he recently attended a meeting with the thoroughbreds and Prairie Meadows and he thanked Prairie Meadows for offering millions in capital improvements with new barns and a multi-year contract, and he stated he was very frustrated that the thoroughbreds came back with a single year deal knowing that they were giving up millions in possible capital expenditures by Prairie Meadows. Chair Campbell said he is concerned that they can't get to a long-term deal.

Commissioner Burkhardt said that as she reviewed her notes from the prior year when the horse racing study was presented, she saw three words that were repeated throughout, cooperation, change, and flexibility. She said throughout this process she is not seeing cooperation, change, and flexibility. She said the hope in spending the state's money to conduct the horse racing study was to have some actionable items that the industry could rally behind to make this viable for the long term. She said this is a wonderful amenity in our state and it generates a lot of dollars for the state.

Commissioner Burkhardt also said that it is frustrating that we are stuck on the race dates alone as the race dates are just one little portion of what the study recommended. She mentioned other areas the study addressed such as changes to the laws, ways to draw interest, on what days should the meets be run, and how we can join forces with other tracks and other industry stakeholders. Commissioner Burkhardt said the commissioners are going to set the race dates but she hopes this is a one-time thing that they have to do.

Commissioner Ostergren reiterated what Ms. Eick said about what the statute says. He said its notable that two of the three proposals were pretty much identical, and he said he is disappointed that the Commission is in this situation because nobody has as big of a stake in the success of racing in Iowa as the three parties involved here. He said he feels like they are fighting over control of a lifeboat that has a slow leak. Instead of fixing the leak in the lifeboat they are fighting amongst themselves. Commissioner Ostergren said that what is going to motivate him on his vote regarding this is going to be what he thinks the public will benefit from the most in terms of the quality of racing at Prairie Meadows.

Commissioner Burkhardt asked how the proposals would function in terms of having all one type of race. She said the two almost identical proposals basically have all the so called sprints first and then the more distance races after. She wanted to know what that would look like from the public standpoint, what the break would look like, and how the guest experience would be.

Mr. Heldt said that from their proposal there will be roughly 20 minutes in between meets where they will have some sort of entertainment. He said they are still working through that. He said they would run two separate programs and the announcer would make the distinction between them.

Commissioner Burkhardt asked if she came to a race this year, approximately how long would she be there, start to finish. She was wanting to know how elongated the guest experience would be with the 2026 proposal over what is currently happening. Mr. Heldt said probably 20-30 minutes longer. He said these are all things they need to work through but that is an approximation.

Commissioner Olsen said he was ready to make a motion that meets all the statutory requirements and also provides the best fan experience. He said he is concerned that this does not create long-term stability as it's a one-year deal. He said he is also concerned that there is not enough space on the backside but that he feels that is something that could be addressed.

Commissioner Olsen moved to set two independent racing seasons for 2026, with race dates as proposed by Prairie Meadows and the Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association. The parameters of the seasons will be as follows:

A 67-day thoroughbred season that will begin on May 15, 2026 and end on September 12, 2026. Race days will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday with a post time of 7:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays, and 6:00 PM on Sundays and Mondays. There will be no races on May 18, June 1 or June 15.

A 55-day quarter horse season that will begin on June 7, 2026 and end on September 12, 2026. Race days will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday with a post time of 5:30 PM on Fridays and Saturdays, and 4:00 PM on Sundays and Mondays. There will be no races on June 15.

Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**BALLY'S CORPORATION – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO CREDIT AGREEMENT:** Ali Bartlett, outside counsel for Bally's Corporation, presented the Third Amendment to Credit Agreement for Commission approval. She mentioned this was an existing revolving credit and all this amendment is really doing is extending the maturity date.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the credit agreement as presented by Bally's Corporation. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT APPROVALS (OSV – OUT OF STATE VENDOR; RP – RELATED PARTY):**

**Casino Queen Marquette, LLC:** Robin Corbeil, General Manager, presented a contract with Hartlauer Signs for a signage package for the new building of the casino for Commission approval. Ms. Corbeil said they do take the requirement for Iowa vendors seriously, but many Iowa vendors declined to bid this and the one Iowa bid they did get was the highest bid.

Commissioner Burkhart thanked Ms. Corbeil for the extra details on the vendor bids they obtained, and asked for an update on the landside construction process. Ms. Corbeil said they are still on schedule and they are working with the city right now on the skywalk as the City owns the skywalk and there is a section that needs to come down for them to finish a portion of the building. Inside, some walls are going up to separate the food venues, but other than that there is not a lot of work to see as a lot of it is putting in the wiring and plumbing and other behind the scenes work. Ms. Corbeil said the attendance is down slightly due to the long walk from the parking lot, but they are trying to make things the best they can for the patrons.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhart moved to approve the contract as submitted by Casino Queen Marquette, LLC. Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Cedar Rapids Development Group, LLC: Dustin Manternach, Chief Financial Officer, presented a contract with HR Green, Inc. for engineering services for Commission approval.

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhardt moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Cedar Rapids Development Group, LLC. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Diamond Jo, LLC: Wendy Runde, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Giese Sheet Metal Co Inc – HVAC Services, Repairs & Maintenance
- Johnson Controls, Inc – Building Maintenance System Upgrade Phase 2
- Rondinelli Music/Audio – Mississippi Moon Bar Equipment Replacement & Technical Support
- Vestis – Dry Cleaning, Rental of Linens and BOH Uniforms

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhardt moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Diamond Jo, LLC. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Grand Falls Casino Resort, LLC: Sharon Haselhoff, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Forward Sioux Falls – Economic Investment Agreement (OSV)
- Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield – Benefit Plan: Administrator and Claim Costs

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Olsen moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Grand Falls Casino Resort, LLC. Commissioner Burkhardt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Isle of Capri Bettendorf, L.C.: Ms. Ballenger presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Builders Sales & Service Company – Wallpaper Installation in Hotel
- Steve's Mirror and Glass – Bathroom Mirrors for Hotel Refresh Capital Project

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Isle of Capri Bettendorf, L.C. Commissioner Burkhardt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, LLC: Damon John, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- UMR is a United Healthcare Company – Medical & Flexible Spending Plan
- Lamar Advertising Company – Outdoor Advertising Billboards



Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhart moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, LLC. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Dubuque Racing Association, Ltd.: Brian Rakestraw, General Manager, presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Allied Production & Sales – Amphitheatre Rigging (OSV)
- Bristol Associates, Inc – Recruitment Fees for New President & CEO (OSV)
- Keg 1 Iowa LLC – Beer Purchases
- Torus Technologies, Inc. – Security Mechanisms: PaloAlto Firewall, SentinelOne EDR, Artic Wolf MDR

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Olsen moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Dubuque Racing Association, Ltd. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Rhythm City Casino, LLC: Mr. Hyder presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- Forte – Audio Visual Equipment – Projector, LED Wall, Audio System Upgrade
- The Hartford – Employee Supplemental Insurance (OSV)

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Burkhart moved to approve the contracts as submitted by Rhythm City Casino, LLC. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Harveys Iowa Management Company LLC: Mr. Roberts presented the following contracts for Commission approval:

- C3 Booking, LLC – Entertainment Programming Services
- Gitchi Gaming, Inc – Casino Floor Chairs – Replace Swivel Tops Only (OSV)
- Johnson Controls/JC Fire Prevention – Fire Control Systems
- MCL Construction – Construction Vendor
- Plains Mechanical Services – Boiler and Cooling Tower Repairs
- Southwest Airlines – Guest & Employee Travel

Hearing no comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the contracts as presented by Harveys Iowa Management Company LLC. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**HEARINGS:** Ms. Eick presented the Stipulated Agreements with Diamond Jo, LLC and Diamond Jo Worth, LLC for violations of Iowa Code § 99F.4(22). Both of these matters involve a common incident involving the same individual and are self-exclusion violations.

Diamond Jo, LLC: Ms. Runde said Diamond Jo takes their obligation to protect those with gambling problems and responsible gaming efforts very seriously. She said this situation is a

difficult one because regardless of their diligence to do the right thing they have guests who are equally as determined to defraud and deceive. Ms. Runde said the staff took all the correct steps and did all the right things, but it was just one of those situations where the patron was just not telling the truth.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Olsen moved to approve the Stipulated Agreement with an administrative penalty of \$5,000. He said this is an unfortunate situation where someone is really trying to beat the system, but they have to make self-exclusion a high priority. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Diamond Jo Worth, LLC: Scott Smith, General Manager, said this unfortunate situation started at Diamond Jo Worth and although his team takes pride in their due diligence to try to ensure someone who is excluded is not signing up for a card or entering the property, this one did get past. He said what this situation has allowed them to do is to reinforce and retrain their team. Mr. Smith said he can stand before the Commission and say that the team is fully engaged and aware of the process. He said they take full responsibility for this unfortunate situation. He also thanked Ms. Eick and the IRGC staff for their dialogue on this and being able to talk through it.

Commissioner Burkhart noted that there have been no violations from either of these properties that have come before the Commission in the last two full calendar years. She said that shows they do take this seriously and their commitment to those with gambling addictions and who have self-excluded in our state. Commissioner Ostergren said he agreed and this is a great example of what it means to be a highly regulated industry and how extraordinarily important the self-exclusion program is. He said he does not feel that either of these two casinos are out of control but it is a violation of the rules.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Ostergren moved to approve the Stipulated Agreement with an administrative penalty of \$5,000. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:** Ms. Eick advised this is the time of year when the reversion of regulatory fees is announced. She stated the Commission will be reverting \$282,210.81 to the industry for FY 2025. Ms. Eick stated staff will advise each facility of the specific amount to be credited to their facility at a later date.

**COMMISSION STAFF AND PERSONNEL UPDATES:**

Appointment of Administrator: Ms. Eick announced that under Iowa law, the Commission is tasked with appointing an Administrator subject to the confirmation of the Iowa Senate. The Administrator serves a four-year term. Ms. Eick said she was appointed in February of 2024 to complete Brian Ohorilko's term which was through April 30, 2026. Historically the Commission has appointed the Administrator prior to the expiration of the term so the information can be forwarded to the legislature at the beginning of the legislative session.

Hearing no further comments or questions, Chair Campbell requested a motion. Commissioner Olsen moved to appoint Tina Eick as Administrator. Commissioner Burkhart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ostergren thanked Ms. Eick for all she does. He said he has found her to be very helpful and available for questions. He said he enthusiastically supports this. Commissioner Olsen and Chair Campbell agreed with the comments and thanked Ms. Eick for making their jobs easier.

Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair: Chair Campbell announced that he was appointed the Director of the Department of Administrative Services and will be stepping down from the Commission. He said they will need to appoint a new chair and vice chair to be effective at the end of this meeting.

Commissioner Burkhart took a moment to thank Chair Campbell for his service to the Commission. She said he spent a lot of time outside of the Commission meetings with stakeholders discussing issues and trying to seek both sides of the coin in times of conflict or difficult issues. She said he would be missed but she is very excited for him.

Commissioner Olsen agreed with those comments and moved to nominate Commissioner Burkhart for the position of Chair. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Burkhart stated that she felt it was important to have someone as Vice Chair who has served as Chair or Vice Chair previously as to not have both positions filled with brand new officers. She then moved to nominate Commissioner Olsen as Vice Chair. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Chair Campbell took a moment to say a few words. He thanked Governor Kim Reynolds, for the trust she has placed in him. He thanked his fellow Commissioners, Burkhart, Ostergren and Olsen, for their dedication, professionalism, and commitment to fairness and integrity. He thanked former Commissioners, Julie Andres and Lance Horbach, for their wisdom and unmatched wit. He thanked the staff, Tina, Ian, Cody, David and Chantelle, for being the driving force behind everything the Commission does. He thanked Brian Ohorilko for his deep knowledge and historical insight. And he thanked the owners, operators, and QSOs across Iowa. He said their dedication to the communities they serve and the success of the state's gaming industry is nothing short of remarkable. Chair Campbell said it has been an honor to serve alongside these people.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Chair Campbell requested a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Burkhart moved to go into closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case. Commissioner Ostergren seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice roll call.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM:**

Chair Campbell returned the meeting back to open session, and hearing no action, the meeting moved on to the next agenda item.

**ADJOURN:** At 10:18 AM, hearing no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Campbell requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ostergren so moved. Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

  
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