

Memorandum of the Regular Meeting of the
Indiana Horse Racing Commission

July 14, 2025

Harrah's Hoosier Park
4500 Dan Patch Circle
Anderson, IN

NOTE: Complete transcripts and a link to the video recording of this Commission Meeting can be found at <https://www.in.gov/hrc/meeting-information/>

Commission members present: Philip C. Borst, Chairman; Gus Levengood, member; Bill McCarty, member; Bill Estes (via phone), member; Becca McCuaig (via phone), member

Commission Staff members present: Deena Pitman, IHRC Executive Director; David Rothenberg, IHRC General Counsel; Matt Eggiman, Deputy General Counsel; Dale Lee Pennycuff, Staff Attorney; Jessica Barnes, IHRC Assistant Director; Wendi Samuelson-Dull, IHRC Chief Financial Officer.

Speakers from the audience: Eric Halstrom, Vice President and General Manager of Racing at Horseshoe Indianapolis; Jeremy Medley, Director of Marketing for Harrah's Hoosier Park, Joe Morris, Senior Vice President for Caesars Entertainment; Gabe Prewitt, Vice President and General Manager at Harrah's Hoosier Park; Dan Spears, ITOBA President; and Tim Glyshaw, Executive Director for the HBPA.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Borst called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of the meeting memorandum and executive session memorandum from March 7th, 2025, Commission meeting.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval of the meeting memorandum and executive session memorandum from the March 7th, 2025 commission meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous 5-0 for approval.

III. Agenda

1. Review of 2025 Year-To-Date Commission Rulings as of June 15, 2025.

Commission reviewed the rulings and had no further questions. No vote was required for this agenda item.

2. Review of 2025 Year-To-Date HISA Rulings and HIWU Rulings as of June 15, 2025.

Commission reviewed the rulings and had no further questions. No vote was required for this agenda item.

3. 2025 Caesar's Community Giving Report

Jeremy Medley, Director of Marketing for Harrah's Hoosier Park presented the community initiatives for year-to-date 2025 for that track, highlighting some of the programs.

Joe Morris, Senior vice President for Caesar's Entertainment presented the community initiatives for year-to-date 2025 for the track at Horseshoe Indianapolis, highlighting some of the programs.

4. Seasonal Race Meet Updates

Gabe Prewitt, Vice President and General Manager at Harrah's Hoosier Park gave the year-to-date 2025 race meet update, highlighting the rise in handle as the meet has progressed.

Eric Halstrom, Vice President and General Manager for Horseshoe Indianapolis gave the year-to-date 2025 race meet update, highlighting some of the special event races which have and will take place during the meet.

5. Request for 2025 Capital Expenditure Substitutions

(A) Consideration of Horseshoe Indianapolis' request to amend the expected 2025 Capital List and substitute with alternate 2025 purchases.

Eric Halstrom presented the request to substitute equipment for the scheduled equipment expenditure. The new equipment requested is an aerator.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner McCarty. The roll call vote was unanimous 5-0 for approval.

(B) Consideration of Harrah's Hoosier Park's request to amend the expected 2025 Capital List and substitute with alternate 2025 purchases.

Joe Morris presented the request to substitute equipment for the scheduled equipment expenditure. The new equipment includes harrows and a conditioner, in addition to a float. A power washer was also requested, as well as a couple of powered wheelbarrows. An SUV was also requested.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner McCarty motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 5-0 for approval.

6. Review of Racing Capital Fund Committee (RCFAC) expenditures approved and submitted by Fund committee members as well as Community Center update.

Joe Morris presented an update on the Community Center, stating it should be completed in 2025. Morris additionally stated the new Big Ass fans are being placed in the Horseshoe Indianapolis barns. No vote was needed on this agenda item.

7. Presentation of the 2024 Caesar's Social Responsibility Report

Joe Morris reviewed the 2024 Social Responsibility report highlighting several initiatives. No vote was needed on this agenda item.

8. Ratification of Executive Director's approval of Horseshoe Indianapolis's request to move racing from Monday, August 4, 2025, to Friday, August 8, 2025, to coordinate with Harrah's Hoosier Park in offering an entire night of Caesars racing on the Fox Sports Network.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner McCarty. The roll call vote was unanimous 5-0 for approval.

9. Ratification of Executive Director's probationary approval of Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company request to add parlay wagering to TwinSpires.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner McCarty motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Estes. The roll call vote was unanimous 5-0 for approval.

10. Ratification of Executive Director's probationary approval of NYRA Bets, LLC's request to allow Caesars Sportsbook to use a shared wallet to allow Sportsbook account holders to place bets on Caesars Racebook, a NYRA Bets affiliate.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Estes motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner McCarty. The roll call vote was unanimous 5-0 for approval.

11. Ratification of Executive Director's probationary approval of Xpressbet, LLC's request to assume full ownership of Daily Racing Form's former "DRF Bets" website and customer-base on or about June 10, 2025, or such later date as feasible, at which time DRF Bets will cease operations and Xpressbet will rebrand the site under the name "1/ST BET PRO".

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Estes motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner McCarty. The roll call vote was unanimous 5-0 for approval.

12. Consideration of request from ITOBA to transfer ADW Funds to help fund stakes and handicap races.

Dan Spears, President of the ITOBA, requested ADW money be transferred for stakes races.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Levensgood motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner McCarty. The roll call vote was

unanimous 5-0 for approval.

13. Consideration of request from IHBPA to transfer ADW Funds to supplement Thoroughbred purse account.

Tim Glyshaw, Executive Director of the Indiana HBPA, requested ADW money be transferred for purse money.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Estes motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner McCuaig. The roll call vote was unanimous 5-0 for approval.

14. Rulemaking Update.

David Rothenberg, IHRC General Counsel, gave an update on the current situation with rule promulgation. Questions were asked and responded to by the commission. No vote was required for this agenda item.

15. HISA Update.

Matt Eggiman, Deputy General Counsel for the IHRC presented two issues regarding HISA: 1) the present state of litigation and 2) the voluntary agreement the IHRC had just received. Deena Pitman, Executive Director for the IHRC answered additional funding questions.

16. Delegation of authority to conduct racing business to Executive Director.

Dale Lee Pennycuff requested the commission to delegate the authority to Executive Director to approve rule readoptions under 71 IAC 2-2-1.

Chairman Borst asked for a motion for approval. Commissioner Estes motioned for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Levensgood. The roll call vote was unanimous 5-0 for approval.

IV. New Business

None

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.