

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON LICENSING, OCCUPATIONS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2026 Interim

August 27, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 2nd meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations was held on August 27, 2026, at 12:30 PM ET/11:30 AM CT at the Kentucky State Fair. Senator Julie Raque Adams, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Julie Raque Adams, Co-Chair; Representative Matthew Koch, Co-Chair; Senators Karen Berg, Donald Douglas, Jimmy Higdon, Jason Howell, Amanda Mays Bledsoe, Michael J. Nemes, and Matt Nunn; and Representatives Emily Callaway, Mike Clines, Stephanie Dietz, Anne Gay Donworth, Patrick Flannery, Samara Heavrin, Thomas Huff, Kevin Jackson, Michael Meredith, Amy Neighbors, Rebecca Raymer, and Nick Wilson.

Guests: Maggie Garrison, President & CEO, Kentucky Lottery Corporation (KLC); Jennifer Luhrs, Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative and Legal Officer, KLC; and Ryan Mudd, Chief Financial Officer, KLC.

LRC Staff: Bryce Amburgey, Wendy Craig, CaraBell Preece, and Lisa W. Moore.

Approval of Minutes of the June 18, 2026, Meeting

A motion was made by Co-Chair Koch and seconded by Representative Callaway to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2026, meeting. Minutes were approved by voice vote without objection.

Kentucky Lottery Corporation Update

Maggie Garrison, President & CEO, Kentucky Lottery Corporation (KLC); Jennifer Luhrs, Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative and Legal Officer, KLC; and Ryan Mudd, Chief Financial Officer, KLC, provided an update on the KLC. Mr. Mudd said the KLC generates state revenue while supporting educational opportunities for Kentucky students. The lottery has contributed more than \$8 billion since its inception, funding college scholarship and grant programs, such as the Kentucky Educational Excellence

Scholarship (KEES), that have benefited over 1.1 million students and their families. In FY 2026, the lottery transferred a record \$419.2 million to the Commonwealth to support scholarships and grant programs.

Mr. Mudd said two historic Powerball jackpots exceeded over \$1.7 billion and fueled a 74.4% growth in game sales. The mature iLottery platform reached 10 years in April 2026, with continued iLottery growth supported by new player acquisition efforts. Growth of iLottery instant play sales were 28.5% more than the prior year.

In FY 2026, operating expenses accounted for just 1.8% of total sales. Through a vendor partner, KLC completed a multi-million-dollar investment with 3,500 retailers statewide. The implementation of Connected Play offers player convenience and bridges retail and online channels.

Ms. Garrison said payments to retailers totaled \$80.7 million in FY 2026. Since inception, retailers have earned over \$1.86 billion in lottery commissions, incentives, and bonuses. Ms. Luhrs attributed the success of the KLC to its workforce.

Chair Adams supports the lottery and its benefits provided to over 1 million Kentucky students.

Senator Higdon said the \$419 million raised through lottery funds wonderfully supports Kentucky's educational programs. He cautioned the KLC to continue supporting small retailers.

Administrative Regulation

Upon adjournment, administrative regulation 902 KAR 020:150 went into effect.

Adjournment

With no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM ET/ 11:50 AM CT.