



DRAFT Minutes
Finance Committee
Special Meeting
May 28, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
15 Sterling Drive
Wallingford, CT 06492
via teleconference

Committee Members: Steven Ezzes, Chair of the Finance Committee; Michael Cicchetti; Douglas Dalena (joined at 9:04 a.m.) and Matthew Daskal (all via teleconference).

Staff Members: Frank Suarez, President & CEO; Catherine Martorella; Lauren Perrotti; Margaret Annino; Annmarie Daigle; and Olga De La Cruz.

I. Welcome:

Mr. Ezzes called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Approval of May 12, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes:

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

III. Approval of December 3, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Cicchetti and seconded by Mr. Dalena, the minutes of the December 3, 2025 Finance Committee were unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of May 22, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes:

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

V. Review of Draft FY2027 Budget:

Ms. Martorella provided an update of the draft FY2027 budget. For 2026 CLC had revenues that exceeded expectations, largely due to strong jackpots in Powerball. We are now taking a more conservative approach for FY2027 with the multi-state jackpot games; a 2% growth in revenue in FY2027 over FY2026. Retailer commission increase by 3.5%, along with gaming system costs increasing 6.5% year over year. Our biggest spend will be on Marketing, Advertising and Promotion; as this is a reinvestment into the CLC as outlined in the strategic plan rolled out in 2026. Increases in production expenses is also a reinvestment into the company and our customers with an introduction of a loyalty program to be tied to our second chance program. Operating expenses; salaries and benefits have increased as the Governor approved increases on all union employees and they will be paid retro from the beginning of 2026. CLC maintains the same employee headcount. Overall, the general fund transfer is \$15 million down from FY2026.

Sports Betting sees a 19% increase for FY2027 and we anticipate an increase in prizes as well due to growth in lower margin games. Overall hold rate in FY2026 was 9.3% online and 12% in retail. In FY2027 we anticipate a 8.8% online and 10% in retail; meaning increases in payouts to our players. For FY2027 we anticipate an overall increase in sales, cost of sales and operating cost.

Total general fund transfer is anticipated at \$371 million; decrease of 3.3% from FY2026. She noted that \$1million is earmarked for the rebranding that is due to take place in FY2027 and includes the marketing of it, updating of logo and other assets.

VI. Executive Session:

On a motion by Mr. Daskal, seconded by Mr. Dalena, and unanimously approved, the committee entered Executive Session at 9:44 a.m. to further discuss the draft budget. All CLC staff present remained for Executive Session.

VII. Discussion and Action, if any, on Items Discussed during Executive Session:

The Committee returned to public session at 9:55 a.m. with Mr. Ezzes stating that no votes or actions were taken in Executive Session.

Ms. Daigle read the following resolution, and on a motion by Mr. Dalena, seconded by Mr. Cicchetti, and unanimously approved, it was:

Resolved, that after review and due consideration, the Finance Committee of the Connecticut Lottery Corporation's Board of Directors hereby recommends that the full Board approve the draft FY 2027 Budget and authorize the CLC team to make conforming adjustments, if required, to reflect the regulatory assessment amount determined by the Office of Policy and Management.

VIII. Adjournment:

Mr. Ezzes thanked everyone for their attendance. On a motion by Mr. Cicchetti, seconded by Mr. Dalena and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Annmarie Daigle
Acting Secretary
Connecticut Lottery Corporation