

Illinois Lottery Special Instant Scratch-Off Task Force Meeting 3 | Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2024, 10:00am CDT

Meeting Held via Webex

Task Force Members:

- Dir. Harold Mays, Member, via Webex
- Diana Sheehan, Member, via Webex
- Sara Barnett, Member, via Webex
- Sen. Mattie Hunter, Co-Chair, via Webex
- Sen. Bill Cunningham, Member, via Webex
- Sen. Donald DeWitte, Member, via Webex
- Sen. Sally Turner, Member, via Webex
- Rep. Dan Swanson, Member, via Webex
- Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado, Co-Chair (Marco Mendez, via Webex)
- Rep. Elizabeth 'Lisa' Hernandez, Member (Layla Suleiman, via Webex)
- Rep. Norine Hammond, Member, via Webex

Lottery Staff:

- Scott Gillard, Chief of Staff, via Webex
- Meghan Powers, Communications Director, via Webex
- Amber Chappell, Chief Financial Officer, via Webex
- Mason McDaniel, Legislative Liaison, via Webex
- Cornell Wilson, General Counsel, via Webex

Allwyn North America Staff:

- Lorell Lynch-Director Public Affairs Community Outreach and Events, via Webex

Other Attendees:

- Kathy Gilroy, member of public, via Webex

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays, welcomes everyone that is in attendance. The meeting is called to order at 10:05am, roll was taken, two members absent, quorum was achieved but not required. Members and Lottery/Allwyn staff in attendance introduced themselves. (Rep. Delgado and Rep. Hernandez staff joined the call shortly after start).

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays seeks to approve minutes from Meeting #2, members concur, previous minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Goal of Meeting 3 | Discuss/Review Contents of the Preliminary Report Draft – Task Force Member Harold Mays

Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays, noted the preliminary draft report was shared, the commentary received so far will be incorporated. Mays, welcomed additional details/comments from members. Mays continued reviewing the draft report with members, explained the approach on each section of the report, and explained that more details will be included in the final report.

Task Force Member Sen. Hunter asked for clarification on sunset dates and the chart included.

Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays explained, the chart displays when causes were added to the new ticket. Mays added more background, noting that more details will be in the final report, especially in terms of each cause and the expiration of each cause.

Task Force Member Sara Barnett asks, hypothetically, next session, if there are other causes that want to join, how would they be handled? **Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays shares**, not until the end of 2025, after causes sunset. The new program is set to expire at end of 2027.

Task Force Member Sen. Hunter asks, is the Lottery suggesting that although no criteria are in place at this time, legislation should proceed in 2025 for a new ticket? **Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays replies**, no - that is not our preference, the program is currently capped, but nothing is stopping legislators from drafting new bills. This is what we will delve into as a task force as the year goes on.

Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays continues, reviewing the draft report, the task force accomplishments so far, and touched on next steps. The final report would be due by first quarter of FY26.

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Next Steps – All Task Force Members

Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays asks, if members can discuss the next meeting, how often shall we meet going forward, and how long will it take?

Task Force Member Sen. Cunningham for discussion, if we want to make any legislative changes, sooner is better. Work from mid-March back, if the goal is producing legislation.

Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays adds, the first cause expires in December 2026, total program review would be completed by the end of FY25.

Task Force Member Sen. Hunter suggests, we should establish criteria if we are going to keep all 10 causes before making any decisions. Perhaps, a subcommittee or Lottery staff. **Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays suggests**, the meetings over the next two months should focus on criteria.

Task Force Member Sen. Cunningham states, we all agree the program should continue in some form, but the question remains, how to handle new charities and those expiring. We could approach it from Lottery staff providing recommendations to the task force, legislators could then add or subtract. **Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays agrees**, we can include some thoughts/ideas on how adding new causes might work and will reach out to members outside of formal meetings for their input.

Task Force Member Sen. Cunningham, the question we must tackle is how to address causes that expire since we anticipate new bills will be filed. We could get ahead of it in 2025 by asking President Harmon and Speaker Welch to not run any specialty ticket bills while the task force is still working on recommendations. **Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays replies**, we can connect with causes that will expire to gauge their plan to introduce sunset extensions.

Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays, meeting #4 will focus on criteria, the Department will craft ideas and engage with the task force.

Closing Remarks – Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays

- The Department will attempt to gather more information regarding causes with expiration dates approaching, to better understand their plan.
- Task Force Meeting #4 has been scheduled for February 10th, 11am, via Webex.
- The Department is aiming to share an updated preliminary draft by end of the week, 12/20/24.
- The goal is to finalize the preliminary report and submit by January 1.

ADJORNMENT

With all business concluded, motion to adjourn at 10:55am. **Motion approved, meeting three complete.**

Respectfully submitted by,
Mason McDaniel, Legislative Liaison