# NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY COMMISSION MEETING

#### (CONFERENCE CALL)

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners in Attendance:

Dr. Charles Sanders, chair Robert Farris Linda Carlisle Max Cogburn Bridget-Anne Hampden James Woodward Secretary Bryan Beatty John McArthur

*Commissioners not in attendance:* Robert Appleton (*due to technical difficulties*) *Meeting was held on April 4, 2006 at 9:30 a.m via telephone conference. The public was invited to hear the meeting in the ABC Commission Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Administration Building, 116 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC. Or by dialing 919/ 501-4273.* 

### I. Introduction and Opening

• Dr. Sanders called the meeting to order by reiterating the Commission's firm commitment to serving the people of North Carolina, by providing funds for education which is devoted to specific purposes as defined by statute and should truly be additive and supplemental.

### **II.** Approval of Minutes

- Ms. Hampden made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2006 meeting omitting the reference to her participating in the afternoon marketing event with Mr. Shaheen and Mr. Cogburn.
- Ms. Carlisle seconded the motion.
- The minutes were approved.

### **III.** Updates

• Mr. Shaheen began his update by noting that the NCEL Commission beat its original deadline of April 5, by six days. The March 30 instant ticket launch was very successful with sales of \$24,030,300 in the first five days.

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- Mr. Shaheen told the commission that 99.5% of the ticket deliveries were on time and there are over 4900 retailers up and selling tickets.
- Mr. Shaheen, on behalf of the NCEL staff, thanked the commission members for all of the time they have devoted to the Lottery's start up. He reminded everyone on the call that the commissioners volunteered their time and efforts to the NCEL and noted that they have served North Carolina well.
- Mr. Shaheen continued by updating the Commission on the structural progress at each regional office, including the Wilmington Claim Center. All offices are complete, except for Charlotte and Asheville both of which require work on staff offices although the claim center portions were ready for start-up. He noted that the headquarters section of the Yonkers Road facility was progressing and the move should occur in August.
- Mr. Shaheen told the Commission that everything is operating smoothly in preparation for the launch of Powerball on May 30.
- He reported the NCEL now employs 165 staff members with the following break down of ethnicity:
  - Minority including white women 125 (77%)
  - African American 56 (34%)
  - Asian 2 (2%)
  - Hispanic 6 (4%)

# **IV.** Committee Appointments

• Dr. Sanders made the following committee appointments.

Finance:	Briget-Ann Hampden, Chair Max Cogburn Linda Carlisle
Audit:	Robert Appleton, Chair Robert Farris John McArthur

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Personnel:	Dr. Charles Sanders, Chair
	Dr. James Woodward
	Sec. Bryan Beatty

- Dr. Sanders requested that each committee prepare a charter for consideration and approval at the next meeting.
- Ms. Carlisle suggested that the previously appointed Retailer and Vendor committees be dissolved. After a brief discussion the Commission concurred.
- Ms. Hampden made the motion to dissolve the Retailer and Vendor committees.
- Dr. Woodward seconded the motion.
- The committees were dissolved.

The meeting was adjourned.