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# The \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN GAMING \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter



## **MGCB Public Meeting Agenda Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

The Michigan Gaming Control Board (“MGCB”) [released](#) the agenda of its upcoming public meeting.

The meeting will take place at the MGCB’s Cadillac Place Office, located at 3062 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202, on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. EST. The meeting will also be available via Zoom at: <https://zoom.us/j/98817851869>.

The purpose of this meeting is for the Board to conduct official business related to the administration and enforcement of Michigan gaming laws, including:

- Consideration of occupational and supplier license applications and renewals.
- Approval of new key persons for supplier and operator licensees.
- Acknowledgements of violations and proposals for decision regarding occupational licensees.
- Other regulatory matters properly before the Board pursuant to the Michigan Gaming Control & Revenue Act, the Lawful Internet Gaming Act, and the Lawful Sports Betting Act.

To participate in public comment during the meeting, during which attendees are welcome to ask questions and voice comments, submit a [Public Sign In Sheet Form](#) to [MGCBweb@michigan.gov](mailto:MGCBweb@michigan.gov) by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

For additional meeting details, please refer to “[Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas](#).”

## Whitmer Reappoints Evenson to Michigan Gaming Control Board

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has [reappointed](#) Mark Evenson to the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) for a new term beginning January 1, 2027, and expiring December 31, 2030.

Evenson currently serves as chief financial officer of Diversified Members Credit Union and brings prior experience in financial leadership and board governance. His reappointment continues his role in overseeing Michigan's regulated gaming industry.

The MGCB is responsible for ensuring the integrity of gaming across the state, including oversight of Detroit casinos, online gaming and sports betting, and other regulated gaming activities. Evenson's reappointment is subject to the advice and consent of the Michigan Senate.

## Michigan Approves FanDuel for Multi-State Poker

On April 1, 2026, The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) [approved](#) FanDuel to offer multi-state internet poker, allowing Michigan players to participate in shared player pools with other states.

FanDuel's poker offering will operate under the PokerStars platform in partnership with MotorCity Casino.

This development builds on Michigan's participation in the Multi-State Internet Gaming Agreement (MSIGA), which permits shared liquidity across member states. By allowing operators to combine player pools, multi-state poker typically increases game availability and prize opportunities compared to intrastate play.

The approval reflects continued growth in Michigan's regulated online gaming market and further aligns the state with other jurisdictions participating in multi-state poker.

## Bidding For New Northeast Indiana Casino License to Open

In a recent [news release](#), it was announced that Indiana will begin accepting bids for a new casino license in its northeastern region after narrowly passed legislation was signed into law by Governor Mike Braun.

The law permits one casino license to be issued in Allen, DeKalb, or Steuben counties by repurposing an unused horse racing license, leaving the total number of gaming licenses in the state unchanged. The Indiana Gaming Commission will manage the competitive bidding process, with applications due by December 1<sup>st</sup>, and a decision is expected after review.

Prospective developers face significant financial thresholds, including a \$150 million application fee and a required \$500 million investment in construction and development within five years. With an estimated total project cost of \$650 million, the high entry cost may limit the number of applicants, despite anticipated interest from multiple companies.

Any proposed casino must also secure local approval. Voters in the chosen county will need to approve the project through a November referendum, and county commissioners must sign off as well. Allen County, which includes Fort Wayne, is considered the frontrunner due to its larger population and established tourism infrastructure. DeKalb and Steuben counties are seen as less likely candidates, although Steuben's highway access could make it more competitive.

Questions remain regarding public support and the project's economic viability, particularly given potential competition from casinos in neighboring states.

Local leaders note that important details about profitability and development plans have yet to be determined.

## Four Winds Invitational Returns to South Bend for 2026

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana and Four Winds Casinos have [announced](#) that the 2026 Four Winds Invitational will take place July 10 through July 12 at Blackthorn Golf Club.

Now in its 15th year, the tournament is part of the Epson Tour schedule and will feature a \$225,000 purse. The event continues to serve as both a competitive stop on the tour and a charitable initiative, with proceeds supporting Beacon Children's Hospital.

The tournament is also seeking approximately 150 volunteers to assist across all three days. Volunteer roles will include operations, scoring, guest services, and other on-site support functions. Participants must be at least 16 years old and will receive event apparel, meals during shifts, and a small stipend.

The Four Winds Invitational remains a key summer event in the South Bend area, combining professional women's golf with community engagement and charitable fundraising.