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Gaming Legislation

# Northeast Indiana Voters Reject Casino Proposals in Three Counties

Voters in three northeastern Indiana counties rejected proposals to allow land-based casino gambling during the November 3, 2026, election. The referendums, held in Allen, DeKalb, and Steuben counties, followed legislation passed earlier this year allowing residents to vote on whether casino gambling should be permitted in their respective counties.

In Allen County, voters rejected the proposal by a margin of 61,310 to 41,625, with approximately 59.6% voting against casino gambling. DeKalb County voters opposed the measure by 7,374 to 4,043, while Steuben County rejected the referendum by 6,234 to 4,394.

Under Indiana law, casino development in any of the three counties required voter approval before a proposed project could advance to the Indiana Gaming Commission for licensing consideration. With all three referendums failing, the proposals cannot return to voters without additional legislative action.

# Michigan Gaming Control Board Expands Online Sports Betting to Include Fixed-Odds Horse Racing

The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) announced on October 30, 2026, that fixed-odds horse racing wagering has been added to Michigan's online sports betting catalog. The change allows licensed online sports betting operators to offer a new wagering format for horse racing, expanding the options available to Michigan bettors.

Unlike traditional pari-mutuel wagering, where bets are pooled and payouts are determined by the final distribution of wagers, fixed-odds betting allows bettors to lock in their payout odds when placing a wager. This provides an experience similar to traditional sports betting, where potential payouts are established before an event begins.

# Horse Racing & Industry Events

MGCB Executive Director Henry Williams stated that the decision reflects changes within the horse racing industry and growing consumer demand for fixed-odds wagering. The Board emphasized that expanding wagering options will allow Michigan to adapt to industry developments while maintaining a regulated horse racing market.

Fixed-odds horse racing wagers became permissible on October 30 through licensed Michigan online sports betting platforms. The new wagering format is subject to the same regulatory requirements and consumer protections as other authorized sports betting activities, including responsible gaming measures, licensing requirements, and age and residency verification.

## NCLGS Announces Speaker Lineup for 2026 Winter Meeting in Savannah

The National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) has announced a lineup of more than 50 speakers for its upcoming 2026 Winter Meeting, scheduled for December 9-12 at the JW Marriott Savannah Plant Riverside District in Savannah, Georgia. The conference will bring together state lawmakers, gaming regulators, tribal leaders, industry executives, legal professionals, and responsible gaming advocates to discuss developments affecting the gaming industry.

Among the featured speakers is NCAA President Charlie Baker, alongside representatives from major gaming organizations, including Fanatics Betting & Gaming, Light & Wonder, the American Gaming Association, Playtech, and Scientific Games. The conference will also feature state gaming regulators and lawmakers from across the country, including representatives from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Missouri Gaming Commission, New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement, and Georgia Lottery Corporation.

### The NCLGS 2026 Winter Meeting will feature the following speakers:

- Megan Alvarado, Associate, Orrick
- Charlie Baker, NCAA President and former Governor of Massachusetts
- Senator Jason Barrett, West Virginia; NCLGS Vice President
- Gabe Benedik, Senior Executive, Government Affairs, Gaming Laboratories International
- Representative Christie Carpino, Connecticut; Chairperson of the Responsible Gaming Committee
- Gretchen Corbin, CEO, Georgia Lottery Corporation
- Senator Bill DeMora, Ohio; NCLGS Treasurer
- Nikki Evans, General Counsel, Missouri Gaming Commission

# Guest Speakers

- Jeremy Feigenbaum, Partner, Jenner & Block; former law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan
- Representative Michael Finn, Massachusetts; NCLGS Vice President
- Delegate Shawn Fluharty, West Virginia; NCLGS Immediate Past President
- Steve Geller, former Florida Senator; NCLGS Founder and General Counsel
- Representative Emily Gise, Oklahoma
- Senator Tim Lang, New Hampshire
- Howard Glaser, Global Head of Government Affairs and Legislative Counsel, Light & Wonder
- Clint Hangebrauck, Managing Director, Enterprise Risk Services, NCAA
- Dan Hartman, former Director, Colorado Division of Gaming
- Charmaine Hogan, Global Head of Government Relations, Playtech
- Brandt Iden, Vice President of Government Affairs, Fanatics Betting & Gaming
- Loraine Irizarry, Director of the Sports Betting Bureau, Puerto Rico Gaming Commission
- Senator John R. Jasinski, Deputy Minority Leader, Minnesota
- Khalid Jones, CEO, Allwyn North America
- Josh Kirschner, Partner, Holland & Knight
- Jon Kropp, Vice President of Digital Media, TMRW Sports
- Andrew Lee, Senior Director of Government Relations, American Gaming Association
- Jordan Maynard, Chair, Massachusetts Gaming Commission
- Michael H. McGinley, Partner, Dechert LLP; former law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito and then-Judge Neil Gorsuch
- Matthew Meek, Gaming Deputy Director, Louisiana Attorney General's Office
- Assemblymember Brittney Miller, Nevada
- Paul Oeland, Senior Advisor, United Gaming
- Mark Pace, President, International Gaming Standards Association; Managing Director, GSA Europe
- Brent Pinkston, Chief Operating Officer, Wind Creek Hospitality
- David Rebuck, former Director, New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement
- Jody Rempel, Head of Compliance, ArdentSky LLC
- Paul Resch, Director, Bureau of Gaming Operations, Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
- Louis Rogacki, Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Director, New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement
- Todd Sandstedt, Managing Director, SecureSport
- Representative Stephanie Sawyer Clayton, Kansas; NCLGS Secretary
- May Scheve Reardon, Vice President of Government Relations, Pollard Banknote Limited
- Bryan Schroeder, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer, ARB Interactive
- Representative Heath Sessions, South Carolina
- Ryan Soultz, Vice President of Government Relations, Boyd Gaming

# Guest Speakers Co. & Gaming Schedule

- Alec Thomson, CEO and Executive Director, Arizona Lottery
- Jim Trusty, Member, Ifrah Law; former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland
- Representative Chris Turner, Texas
- Marlene Warner, CEO, Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health
- Christine Wechsler, Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Scientific Games
- Representative Al Williams, Georgia; NCLGS President
- Marvin Yates, Vice President of Strategic Government Relations, MultiState Associates
- Nick Zabriskie, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs, PrizePicks
- Tim Zulawski, President, AMB Sports and Entertainment

The four-day conference will include legislative committee meetings, educational sessions, regulatory discussions, responsible gaming panels, and networking opportunities. The meeting provides a national forum for state legislators and gaming industry professionals to discuss emerging policy issues and developments affecting the regulated gaming market.

**Registration and additional information:** NCLGS.org

## MGCB Public Meeting Agenda, Tuesday, November 10, 2026

*The Michigan Gaming Control Board ("MGCB") has **released** the agenda for 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, November 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. EST. The meeting will also be available via Zoom at: **https://zoom.us/j/97400181073**.

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.
- Review and approval of key personnel changes involving licensed gaming operators and suppliers.
- Consideration of institutional investor requests and other licensing matters.
- Review of regulatory compliance matters and potential violations.
- Other matters related to the licensing, regulation, and enforcement of Michigan gaming laws.

To participate in public comment during the meeting, during which attendees are welcome to ask questions and provide comments, submit a **Public Sign In Sheet Form** to **MGCBweb@michigan.gov** by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2026. Virtual attendees may also request to speak through the Zoom chat feature.

For additional meeting details, please refer to "**Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas.**