

# Illinois Lottery Special Instant Scratch-Off Task Force Meeting 8 | Minutes

Monday, June 16, 2025, 9:00am CDT

Meeting Held via Webex

## Task Force Members:

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

## Lottery Staff:

- Amber Chappell, Chief Financial Officer, via Webex
- Mason McDaniel, Legislative Liaison, via Webex
- Cornell Wilson, General Counsel, via Webex
- Meghan Powers, Communications Director, via Webex
- Ashley Peterson, Private Secretary to Dir. Mays, via Webex

## Allwyn North America Staff:

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

## Other Attendees:

- Dave Olsen, President, Illinois Alzheimer's Association, via Webex
- Fran Hurley, Special Children Charities, via Webex
- Chris Lowrey, Special Children Charities, via Webex
- Amy Taylor, Executive Director, Special Children Charities, via Webex
- Dr. Layla Suleiman Gonzalez, on behalf of Rep. Hernandez, via Webex

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## CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

**Task Force Member Dir. Mays**, welcomes everyone that is in attendance. The meeting is called to order at 9:10am, roll was taken, quorum was achieved but not required. Members and Lottery/Allwyn staff in attendance introduced themselves.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**None**

## OLD BUSINESS

### Approval of Minutes

**Task Force Member Dir. Mays**, seeks to approve minutes from Meeting #7, members concur, previous minutes approved.

**Task Force Member Dir. Mays**, provides a quick recap of meetings to date, outlined status/performance update from previous six months. Thanks to members, these efforts have helped the Lottery portfolio overall, stabilized amounts received, and program is now more consistent with support from a good performing ticket.

**Task Force Member Dir. Mays**, the task force decided on extending sunsets for two causes and adding space for two new floating causes and working out related details. How do we establish new causes that enter the program? Use of a bipartisan committee formed to consider new causes? We discussed how to develop criteria for new causes; discussed what the task force could do; how could do they do it, along with any other task force related items to consider going forward. At the end of the last meeting, a new concept was introduced, suggestions of a non-legislative process through a grant program for new causes to be able to apply to directly versus dealing with the legislative process all together. We still need to choose a path for the new causes and finalize recommendations for the final report. Hopefully the final July meeting will serve that purpose for the final report which will be issued no later than Sept 1st, then enacting all the recommendations within final report which leads to legislation to extend the program, extend sunsets, and develop solutions for new causes.

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Goal of Meeting 8 | Discuss/Review New Cause Framework | Final Report – Task Force Member Director Mays

## NEW BUSINESS

Program Administration, Decide on Path

**Task Force Member Dir. Mays**, we had a good discussion in the previous meeting but we are still missing details around the legislative path through a task force/committee to evaluate new causes and make recommendations to the GA. There are pros and cons to this, concerns over navigating the legislative process, which averages two to three new causes every year, angst around managing this, the legislative process is challenging for these reasons.

**Task Force Member Dir. Mays**, we still need to discuss the formal grant program concept. I would like to gather feedback from members. The gist, we are hopeful to leverage roughly \$1M/yr from the proceeds of the joint ticket. This would create a situation where legacy causes remain at the same proceed level they are currently. The additional money available to fund this program is roughly \$1M/yr. We would potentially work with DPH and DHS to define a program where the Lottery provides funds and DPH/DHS manages the grant. The grant would be set up and funded appropriately, causes could then apply for the funding. The committee would need to hash this out, work with DPH and DHS, Lottery would transfer funds as we do now.

**Task Force Member Sen. Cunningham**, believes the grant approach is more workable and less complicated vs opening two spots to the GA every couple of years. My personal belief is that this is a less cumbersome process, grant process is more workable compared to the political process behind which charity is able to pass a bill.

**Task Force Member, Rep. Hernandez**, when are we voting, what is the plan to move forward? **Task Force Member Dir. Mays**, intent was to use this meeting to flush out the option and use the final meeting to vote on recommendations from previous six months.

**Task Force Member, Rep. Hernandez**, is this open to additional new causes or replacing causes that are expiring? **Task Force Member Dir. Mays**, clarified, two floaters would be new, ten would stay in as they are. Breast cancer and HIV have sunset dates, TF decided it would extend those dates. However, their funding would be adjusted to accommodate their extension.

**Task Force Member Rep. Hammond**, agrees with Sen. Cunningham, going through a grant process would be less cumbersome.

**Task Force Member Rep. Delgado**, this approach is a good approach, also relatively well known to most causes that access state funds.

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**Task Force Member Dir. Mays**, this does appear to be a sound approach but we still need to work out the remaining details. Need to provide framework to administer, and what types of causes would be eligible. We would need to tell DHS/DPH what we are seeking. They could help in appropriately framing this program. Other points, being able to draft this legislatively as new ticket bills can still be filed which could become an issue given the task force's work and recommendations. The task force needs to set the ground rules for future causes. There is enough here to explore and flush out. We connected with and received initial feedback from DHS that was positive, will do the same with DPH to continue along this trajectory. Will have ready for the next meeting, all of our recommendations and changes so everyone will be aware of what is being voted on in July's meeting.

## NEXT STEPS – THE DEPARTMENT

- Gather feedback on “grant program administration” from DPH/DHS.
- Identify any additional goals for the task force outside of those in statute.

## Closing Remarks – Task Force Member Dir. Harold Mays

- Department will begin compiling recommendations from previous meetings for members to vote on in the July meeting.
- The Department will continue reviewing previous minutes for any remaining concerns.

***\*\*One task force meeting remains, scheduled for July 7 at 9:00am\*\****

## ADJORNMENT

With all business concluded, motion to adjourn at 9:37am. **Motion approved, meeting eight complete.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mason McDaniel, Legislative Liaison