

**NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION
SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025**

A special virtual meeting of the New Jersey Racing Commission (“NJRC” or “Commission”) was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

The following were present virtually:

Lawrence DeMarzo, Commissioner
Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq., Commissioner
Charles E. Tomaro, Commissioner
Glen Vetrano, Commissioner
Sara Ben-David, Acting Executive Director
Levi Klinger-Christiansen, Deputy Attorney General
Zachary Aboff, Deputy Attorney General
Samuel Kovach-Orr, Associate Counsel, Governor’s Authorities Unit
Alessandra Baldini, Sr. Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

Acting Executive Director Ben-David read the following resolution:

This meeting today conforms with the Open Public Meetings Act and as per the requirements of the statute, notification of this meeting has been filed with the Secretary of State and with the following newspapers: Daily Racing Form, Bergen Record, Asbury Park Press, Courier-Post, and the Star Ledger.

WHEREAS, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that consistent with *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)*, the Commission will now adjourn to executive session to obtain legal advice protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege on the following matters:

1. Legal advice concerning approval of the petition of Global Tote US, LLC requesting permission to relocate totalizator hub (Quantum Data Center) operations from its current location.
2. Other legal advice.

Discussion of the above matters falls within the exceptions under the law; specifically, matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the Commission’s attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer, and/or matters involving pending or anticipated litigation.

Commissioner DeMarzo motioned to adjourn into Executive Session. Commissioner Vetrano seconded the motion. All of the Commissioners voted to adjourn.

The Commission then adjourned to Executive Session at 12:37 p.m.

Commissioner DeMarzo motioned to move back to the public session. Commissioner Vetrano seconded the motion. All of the Commissioners agreed.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David opened the public session of the meeting with some announcements. She advised that the meeting was being conducted virtually. She explained that through its website, the New Jersey Racing Commission has made a link and phone number available that members of the general public may use to attend the meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams. She also pointed out, for everyone's awareness, that Microsoft Teams was being used to record the meeting. Minutes will be available on the Commission's website following the Governor's review period, as required by *N.J.S.A. 5:5-22.1*.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David stated that, as explained at the March meeting, it is the intent of the New Jersey Racing Commission to continue to conduct in-person meetings, with virtual attendance available as an option for members of the public to utilize as well as for any Commissioner who is unable to attend in person. She acknowledged that this meeting was virtual-only since it was a special meeting and there were only two items to consider.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David thanked William Babcock from the IT team for making himself available to provide any technical support that may be needed. She also thanked the Racing Commission's Executive Assistant Nanci Reid and Secretary Trudy SanJose for acting as moderator and back-up moderator.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David then paused to acknowledge the passing of Commissioner Francis X. Keegan, Jr. She stated that known to us as Commissioner "Buddy" Keegan, he was first nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate on December 8, 2005 to replace former Racing Commissioner Lawrence Codey. Commissioner Keegan took office in January 2006 and served on the Racing Commission through January 2011. Commissioner Keegan continued to serve in holdover status until he was nominated by the Governor to serve a second term and confirmed by the Senate on May 13, 2013. He served until his passing on June 5, 2025, making him the second longest-serving Commissioner.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David stated that based on her own experience and in speaking with members of the Racing Commission's staff who knew him well, two characteristics about Commissioner Keegan stand out. First, he was one of the kindest and most generous gentlemen you might have the privilege of meeting. Second, of course, he had a lifelong commitment to the promotion of horse breeding, horse ownership, and horse racing in the state of New Jersey.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David stated that during her term of service as Acting Executive Director, she had the privilege of speaking with Commissioner Keegan on the phone

on several occasions. Although his health did not always allow him to attend public meetings in person, he remained actively engaged and interested in the Commission's activities until his passing. She also had the opportunity to speak with his son Mickey Keegan on several occasions. Mickey had shared that his father considered his service on the New Jersey Racing Commission to be one of the greatest joys and privileges of his life.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David concluded that on behalf of the staff of the New Jersey Racing Commission and other Commissioners, she would like to express most heartfelt condolences to Mickey Keegan and to Commissioner Keegan's other family members and friends. She expressed gratitude that he would choose to dedicate so much of his life to the success of the New Jersey Racing Commission.

CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF A POST-TIME CHANGE FOR RACING AT MONMOUTH PARK RACETRACK FOR HASKELL PREVIEW DAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

Acting Executive Director Ben-David asked Assistant Director Tom Salerno to present this item. Assistant Director Salerno explained that on June 10, 2025, Monmouth Park, General Manager/In-House counsel John Heims submitted an email to the New Jersey Racing Commission ("Commission") requesting a post-time change from 12:50 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 14, 2025 which was Haskell Preview Day, one of the biggest days on Monmouth Park's racing calendar.

Assistant Director Salerno advised that the adjustment in post-time was requested to ensure ample time between races, to provide the flexibility needed to avoid simultaneously running races at other competing racetracks and to maximize Monmouth Park's television coverage, all of which assist in maximizing handle.

Assistant Director Salerno stated that the request was approved by Acting Executive Director Ben-David subject to ratification by the Commission.

Commissioner Tomaro made a motion to approve the post-time change on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Commissioner DeMarzo seconded the motion, and all other Commissioner voted yes.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PETITION OF GLOBAL TOTE US, LLC REQUESTING PERMISSION TO RELOCATE TOTALIZATOR HUB (QUANTUM DATA CENTER) OPERATIONS FROM ITS CURRENT LOCATION

Acting Executive Director Ben-David stated that Global Tote provides the racing industry with totalizator services. The New Jersey Racing Act allows the racetracks to conduct pari-mutuel wagering, provided they have equipment, a totalizator, to calculate the amount of money in each pool and on each horse as well as payouts to winning patrons.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David stated that this information must be displayed on the mutuel board across the track in plain view of the public. The mutuel board also must display the approximate odds on each horse, the value of a \$2.00 bet on win, place, show, the elapsed time of the race, the value of a \$2.00 daily double ticket, and any other information that may be necessary for the guidance of the general public. NJRC regulations require such information to be processed through a “hub facility” that is located in New Jersey and licensed annually by the Commission. NJRC regulations require the hub facility to be located in New Jersey.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David advised that Global Tote currently provides totalizator services to both racetracks as well as all off-track wagering facilities, the account wagering system, and the casino simulcasting facility. Global Tote leases property located at 815 East Gate Drive, Suite 101 in Mount Laurel, New Jersey and conducts its hub facility operations from that location.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David stated that at a public meeting on November 20, 2024, the Commission approved a 2025 vendor license for Global Tote and authorized it to provide totalizator services in calendar year 2025 subject to the conditions in Schedule D. Condition #8 in Schedule D says: “Global Tote shall provide totalizator services at the Mount Laurel Data Center or at a New Jersey permitted racetrack facility unless otherwise approved by the Commission.”

Acting Executive Director Ben-David explained that Global Tote’s petition seeks approval from the Commission to enter a new lease for the premises located at 3 Executive Campus in Cherry Hill, New Jersey and to relocate its hub operations to that new location effective September 1, 2025. The minimum standards for a hub facility are set forth in the Commission’s regulations at *N.J.A.C. 13:74-9.1 et seq.* The Commission specifically requires a Supervisor of Mutuels, who is an employee of the Commission, to be present at the hub facility. The Commission, its employees, and agents must have access at all times to the hub facility in order to maintain the integrity of wagering. The operator of a hub facility must submit its internal control procedures for the Commission’s approval. The operator of a hub facility also must provide written notice to the Commission of any new equipment or software, or change in equipment or software, to be utilized in connection with wagering.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David stated that the proposed new location of Global Tote’s hub facility in Cherry Hill was inspected by NJRC staff in March 2025, and staff did not identify any issues with the physical space that would negatively impact pari-mutuel operations at that location. If approved, the hub facility will continue to be located in New Jersey, as required. Global Tote represents in its petition that it will continue to comply with all NJRC regulations. Commission staff who serve as the Supervisor of Mutuels will be relocated to the new hub location. Internal control procedures are on file with the Commission and will remain in place.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David stated that staff recommends approval of the petition subject to certain conditions as outlined in the draft order and Schedule D, as revised. She then highlighted two conditions:

First, there is a condition in the draft order that would require Global Tote, as soon as practicable and no later than upon the one-year anniversary of its move, to maintain voucher information electronically for three years. *N.J.S.A. 5:5-22.2* establishes a three-year expiration for vouchers. At this time, Global Tote maintains voucher information electronically for only two years and seven and a half months. Bettors seeking to redeem vouchers expiring in the last four and a half months must proceed through a manual paper process.

Second, there is a condition in Schedule D that would require Global Tote to maintain a remote data operator at each New Jersey permitted racetrack facility for which it provides totalizator services, unless otherwise approved by the Commission. Global Tote has ceased maintaining staff at Meadowlands Racetrack, and the Commission has a pending request from Global Tote to cease maintaining staff at Monmouth Park. Staff recommends imposing a condition going forward that would require tote staff to be present at the racetracks, so they are available to address emergent issues.

Commissioner Vetrano made a motion to approve the relocation of the totalizator hub operations from its current location subject to the conditions in the draft order and Schedule D, as revised. Commissioners Tomaro and DeMarzo both seconded the motion, and all Commissioners voted yes.

Acting Executive Director Ben-David asked if anyone would like to comment or bring new business to the Commission's attention. She advised those attending virtually that they could use the "raise hand" button to be acknowledged and unmuted.

There being no comments, Acting Executive Director Ben-David asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner DeMarzo made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Tomaro seconded the motion, and all Commissioner voted yes.

ATTEST:


Sara Ben-David, Acting Executive Director