

**NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY
COMMISSION MEETING**
September 27, 2006

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners in Attendance: John McArthur, Chair
Robert Farris
Bridget-Anne Hampden
Max Cogburn
Robert Appleton
Dr. James Woodward
Linda Carlisle
Secretary Bryan Beatty
Edwin Speas, Presumptive Appointee

Meeting was held via teleconference on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. The public was invited to attend by dialing 866-899-5399 and entering the room number *2686635* or by visiting the Commission Board Room of the North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) Headquarters located on 2100 Yonkers Road in Raleigh.

I. Introduction and Opening

- Chairman McArthur called the meeting to order by welcoming Mr. Speas to the Commission.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Commissioner Farris moved to approve the minutes as presented.
- Commissioner Appleton seconded the motion.
- The minutes were approved.

III. Draw Auditor and Related Services Invitation to Bid Recommendation.

- Tom Shaheen, Executive Director, stated that the Lottery Act requires that lottery drawings shall be witnessed by an independent certified public accountant. He noted that the Draw Auditor and Related Services Invitation to Bid was issued August 14, 2006. There were two respondents; both minority owned firms.
- Mr. Shaheen continued with a brief explanation of the evaluation committee that was chosen to review the bids received. He highlighted the items which supported the evaluation committee's recommendation of Thomas and Gibbs and noted his concurrence with their decision.

- A discussion followed between the Commission and the members of the evaluation committee.
- Mr. Shaheen estimated the annual cost for the drawing audits at \$219,000.
- Commissioner Hampden moved to award the Draw Auditor and Related Services contract to Thomas and Gibbs as recommended by the evaluation committee and the executive director.
- Commissioner Cogburn seconded the motion.
- The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned.