Delaware County Interactive Gaming Revenue Authority
Meeting Minutes
06/18/2026

Members Present: Dr. Max Cooper, Paul K. Johnson, Andrew Nelson, Frances Sheehan.

Solicitor Present: Frank Daly

Guests: Yassine Mijane, Rev. Nathan Jacobs, Katrina Jacobs, Ieasa Nichols of Operation Look Forward, Inc.

Meeting called to order at approximately 2:02 PM by Vice Chair A. Nelson
Followed by Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call by P. K. Johnson with members listed above and solicitor present.

Vice Chair A. Nelson made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Second by V.Rongione. Motion passed 5-0.
No public comment concerning the agenda.

Vice Chair A. Nelson made a motion to approve meeting minutes of May 21, 2026. Second by V. Rongione. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Report
F. Sheehan provided June 2026 Treasurer's Report and made a motion to approve report. Second by V. Rongione. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion changed to accept the 2025 Audit. Change and motion passed 5-0.

Motion to approve payment of Invoice No. 55201 from Barbacane, Thornton & Company LLP for professional audit services for the period ending May 31, 2026, in the amount of $2,310.00 was made by F. Sheehan. Second by V. Rongione. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to approve payment of Invoice No. 588263 from Brinker Simpson & Company, LLC for accounting services for the period October 2025 through March 2026, in the amount of $7,076.19 was made by F. Sheehan. Second by V. Rongione. Motion passed 5-0

Motion added to authorize F. Sheehan to sign audit management letter was made by F. Sheehan. Second by Dr. M. Cooper. Motion passed 5-0.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report initially. However, P. K. Johnson later inquired about potential impact on DCIGRA as a result of PA Supreme Court decision on skill games. V. Rongione

asked F. Daly to research it and the authority members agreed.

Also, later F. Daly mentioned and emphasized some of the main areas for the authority based on Commonwealth law including economic development.

Unfinished Business

Dr. M. Cooper discussed his meeting with Rita LaRue, Director of Upper Darby's Department of Community & Economic Development. He mentioned that Rita said that ULI was professional. They created questions for UD's planning document. This document was able to be coordinated and developed to provide for review for funding opportunities and community stakeholders.

Motion to approve a Special Grant to the Urban Land Institute for the City of Chester in the amount of $22,000 was made by A. Nelson. Second by Dr. M. Cooper. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Motion to reorganize DCIGRA with Andrew E. Nelson to serve as Chair and Vincent E. Rongione was made and second. Motion passed 5-0. Several members made positive comments about each other among the leadership transitions this year.

Pastor Nathan Jacobs and his guests presented on their special grant request to support Operation Look Forward, Inc.'s Community Stabilization & Youth Empowerment Initiative. It discussed their empowerment zone, shopping with dignity for household goods, teaching financial literacy/skills, and satisfying community through activities. Rev. Jacobs mentioned that they are 100% volunteer run and helps to provide a safe space and reduce gun violence.

There was a detailed discussion afterwards about determining to fund this program or not given a precedent set concerning multiple awards to a single organization within one year. A variety of dimensions about this situation and funding in general were discussed.

P. K. Johnson reminded members about the Delaware County of the Public Defender, Juvenile Unit Emergency Fund Renewal.

Motion to approve renewal of a Special Grant to the Delaware County Office of the Public Defended for the Juvenile Client Emergency Fund in the amount was amended and changed from $50,000 to a new amount of $25,000 by P. Johnson. Second by A. Nelson. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to approve advertising the Emergency Services Grant program for 2026, with applications accepted July 1 through July 31, 2026 , with total awards not to exceed $100,000 was amended with any remaining funds going to the Security Grants category by P. K. Johnson. Second by A. Nelson. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to approve advertising the Arts & Culture Grant program for 2026, with applications accepted August 1 through August 31, 2026, with total awards not to exceed $150,000 was made and second. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to approve open the Next Generation Supplemental Grant Round, restricted to prior Next Generation Grant recipients: up to $61,450 available (subject to County Council approval) was made and second. Motion passed 5-0.

Y. Mijane will send link to prior applicants and authority members with link by next week (Friday) w/ deadline of July 31.

No Public Comment

Authority Comments

Dr. M. Cooper followed up on topic related to F. Daly's comment about our economic development category need. He spoke about regionalization, shared services, etc. and an appetite among us to provide grants to support regionalization, etc. of these services and municipalities. He also mentioned local government investment program where DCIGRA could invest capital funds to earn interest used for additional grant funding.

A. Nelson entertained motion to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Paul K. Johnson