STAFF ANALYSIS

DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD REGARDING THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 19428 FOR ONE YEAR.

Board Meeting
November 18, 2026

ISSUE

Approval of the delegation of specified administrative authorities to the Executive Director pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19428 through December 31, 2027.

BACKGROUND

Business and Professions Code section 19428 provides, in part, that the Executive Director serves as the Board's executive officer and shall carry out and execute duties as specified by law and by the Board. Consistent with this authority, the Board has historically delegated certain administrative functions to the Executive Director to promote efficient administration of racing operations and regulatory matters.

ANALYSIS

The Board has historically delegated limited administrative authority to the Executive Director to address routine operational and regulatory matters that may arise between Board meetings. Delegating authority for these matters promotes administrative efficiency while allowing the Board to retain oversight through the limitations and conditions set forth in the proposed Resolution and Order.

Staff proposes that the Board delegate the following authority to the Executive Director:

1. Authority to approve a change to the first post time.
2. Authority to approve the cancellation of a place or show pool.
3. Authority, with the approval of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, to permit an authorized racing day that has been canceled to be conducted on a non-racing day within the license period.
4. Authority, with the approval of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, to permit one or more additional racing days to be conducted within the license period.
5. Authority, with the approval of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, to permit minor and nonsubstantive changes to information or operating procedures contained in a previously approved advance deposit wagering application.

This delegation would remain in effect through December 31, 2027, unless amended, superseded, or vacated by further order of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution and Order delegating specified administrative authority to the Executive Director through December 31, 2027.

ATTACHMENTS

(1) Resolution and Order

BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director of the California Horse Racing Board

RESOLUTION AND ORDER

Pursuant to the authority granted to the California Horse Racing Board by virtue of California Business and Professions Code section 19428, the Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to perform the following actions:

1. Upon request of a licensed racing association or fair, the Executive Director shall have the authority to approve a change to the first post time.
2. Upon request of a licensed racing association or fair, the Executive Director shall have the authority to approve the cancellation of a place or show pool.
3. Upon request of a licensed racing association or fair, the Executive Director, with the approval of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, shall have the authority to permit an authorized racing day which has been canceled, to be run on a non-racing day within the license period.
4. Upon request of a licensed racing association or fair, the Executive Director, with the approval of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, shall have the authority to permit an additional racing day or days to be run on a non-racing day or days within the license period.
5. Upon request of a licensed advance deposit wagering entity, the Executive Director, with the approval of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, shall have the authority to permit minor and nonsubstantive changes to information or operating procedures contained in a previously approved Application.

This authority shall take effect on the day this resolution is adopted by the Board and shall remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2027, unless amended, superseded or vacated by further order of the California Horse Racing Board.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Chair

Dated: November 18, 2026