

**Montana Board of Horse Racing  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Via Zoom**

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

John Hayes - Present	Buckshot Nelson - Present
Janis Calton - Present	Corey Jones – Present
Jody Smith – Absent	Cindy Johnson - Present
Austin (Bo) Bevis – Present	Gary Koeplin (Executive Secretary) – Present

**Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:**

Patrick Quinn, Legal Counsel	Jada Maynor, Paralegal
Brenda Elias, Chief Legal Counsel	

**Public Present:**

Justin McPherson	Kelly Manzer
Chad Swift	Bill Schmitt

**Notice of Audio/ Visual Recording/ Roll Call/ Introduction**

0:57 Presenter: John Hayes

**Approval of July Meeting Minutes**

4:00 Motion: Cindy Johnson – Approval of July Meeting Minutes  
Second: Corey Jones  
Motion passed

**Approval of November Meeting Minutes**

5:15 Motion: Cindy Johnson – Approval of November Meeting Minutes  
Second: Janis Calton  
Motion passed

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

6:15 No public comment

**Miles City Bucking Horse Sale**

6:43 Presenter: Justin McPherson

**Great Falls Turf Club**

9:59 Presenter: Mr. Hayes  
With collaboration from board members and DOC Legal staff

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**Split Test Procedure**

36:29 Motion: Buckshot Nelson – If you request a split test, it needs to be done within 3 business working days from the time/date you were notified and **NOT** the 24-hour time limit.

Second: Janis Calton

Collaboration with board members. Motion passed.

Further discussion with board members.

51:00 Motion: Janis Calton – Give permission to the executive secretary to explore possible administration costs associated with sample testing.

Second: Cindy Johnson

Motion passed

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

53:43 No public comment

**Adjourned Public Board Meeting**

59:35 Adjourned at 10:31a.m.

APPROVED