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DIRECTOR OF CHARITABLE BINGO NAMED TO NATIONAL GAMING COMMITTEE

(Austin, July 20) - William Lee "Billy" Atkins, director of Charitable Bingo at the Texas Lottery Commission, has been appointed to the Charitable Gaming Committee of the North American Gaming Regulators Association (NAGRA).

"I'm very pleased to serve on this important NAGRA committee," Atkins said. "One of the issues we're going to examine is how NAGRA can better serve its members. We're going to engage in an interactive panel discussion consisting of both veteran and newer regulators. We hope to identify ways that NAGRA can further assist the various governmental agencies that are responsible for regulating various gaming activities."

NAGRA is a professional organization of federal, state, local, tribal and provincial government agencies primarily responsible for the regulation of legalized gaming activities.

Atkins joined the Texas Lottery as a special projects coordinator for the Intergovernmental Affairs Division in January of 1993. He became assistant director of Charitable Bingo Operations in 1994, and was appointed acting director in December 1997. In October of 1998, the Texas Lottery Commissioners named Atkins director of the Charitable Bingo Division.

Prior to coming to the Lottery, Atkins was an administrative assistant to State Representative Gary Watkins until 1992. He was a legislative assistant to former State Senator John Montford from 1983 to 1985.

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The Texas Lottery, the 4th largest selling lottery in North America, is "Focusing on the Future of Education, One Ticket At A Time." By providing the 'Games of Texas' for more than 10 years, the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) has generated more than \$10 billion for the state and paid nearly \$17 billion to players in prizes. For more information about the TLC, please visit the official website at <http://www.txlottery.org>

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