FLORIDA GAMING CONTROL COMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

BROWARD COUNTY CASE NUMBER: 25-CA-008760

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS IN U.S. CURRENCY.

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CLOSED SESSION



DATE TAKEN: September 25, 2026

TIME: 9:30 AM – 9:47 AM

LOCATION: Via Zoom Videoconference

APPEARANCES:

COMISSION MEMBERS:

JULIE I. BROWN, CHAIR

TINA REPP, VICE CHAIR

JOHN D'AQUILA, COMMISSIONER

WILLIAM SPICOLA, COMMISSIONER

PETER CUDERMAN, COMMISSIONER

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Thereupon, the following proceedings were held at 9:30 AM.)

CHAIR BROWN: Good afternoon, everyone. Good morning. Sorry, I'm still into yesterday.

Today is Friday, September 25th, 2026. This is the Florida Gaming Control Commission's special meeting that we've had disclosed, and it is a closed session meeting. But we will start with our attorney who will give the opening remarks.

So with that, I would go to our General Counsel, Elina Valentine. Elina, can you unmute?

MR. TAUPIER: It's actually going to be me, Julie.

CHAIR BROWN: Oh, Marc. All right. Our Deputy General Counsel, Marc Taupier.

And by the way, I do want to point out our Court Reporter, Irving Cabrera, would like you all to announce your name. Normally during our attorney closed sessions, we are much more informal than our public meetings, but when you speak, please make sure to just raise your hand and just make sure you point out your name. So with that, Mr. Taupier.

MR. TAUPIER: Good morning. Marc Taupier for

the record.

The Office of the General Counsel is seeking litigation advice from the commissioners in litigation styled in RE: Forfeiture of: $6,730 in U.S. Currency; a case based in Broward County, case number 25-CA-8760. The litigation advice relates to litigation strategy and settlement negotiations and may therefore be discussed in private under Section 16.716 and 286.011, subsection 8 of the Florida Statutes.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Taupier. And with that, we're going to begin. Right now, I'm going to just read some of our required disclosures.

In connection with the performance of the Florida Gaming Commission's regulatory duties, it's necessary for us to hear information that is exempt or confidential, and it is exempt just as described by our OGC. The closed meeting is scheduled for approximately 20 minutes, but I suspect it will be a little bit less than that. I know the Florida Channel is also here, so just to kind of gauge, I would say 15 to 20 minutes.

Those that will be in attendance will be Commission members. Chair Julie Brown, myself,

Vice Chair Tina Repp, Commissioner John D'Aquila, Commissioner Peter Cuderman, and Commissioner William Spicola.

Commission staff: our Executive Director Alana Zimmer, Director of Gaming Enforcement Carl Herold, our Chief of Law Enforcement Gary Snyder, Chief of Intelligence and Analytic Support Services Christina Linton, Director of Admin Lisa Mustain, General Counsel Elina Valentine, Deputy General Counsel Marc Taupier, our Business Manager Dixie Parker, who helped organize this, thank you, our Administrative Assistant Brandy Humphries, and our certified Court Reporter Irving Cabrera.

The closed meeting will be recorded and transcribed as required by law, and I will say, for the record, the time is now 9:33 AM. I will ask our Commission staff to make sure that the Florida Channel and any members of the public are now dismissed temporarily. So, we will hold.

And Ms. Parker, when you have ensured that, can you just make sure you point that out for the record?

MS. PARKER: Chair, we're good now.

(Thereupon, the Closed Session Meeting began at 9:33 AM.)

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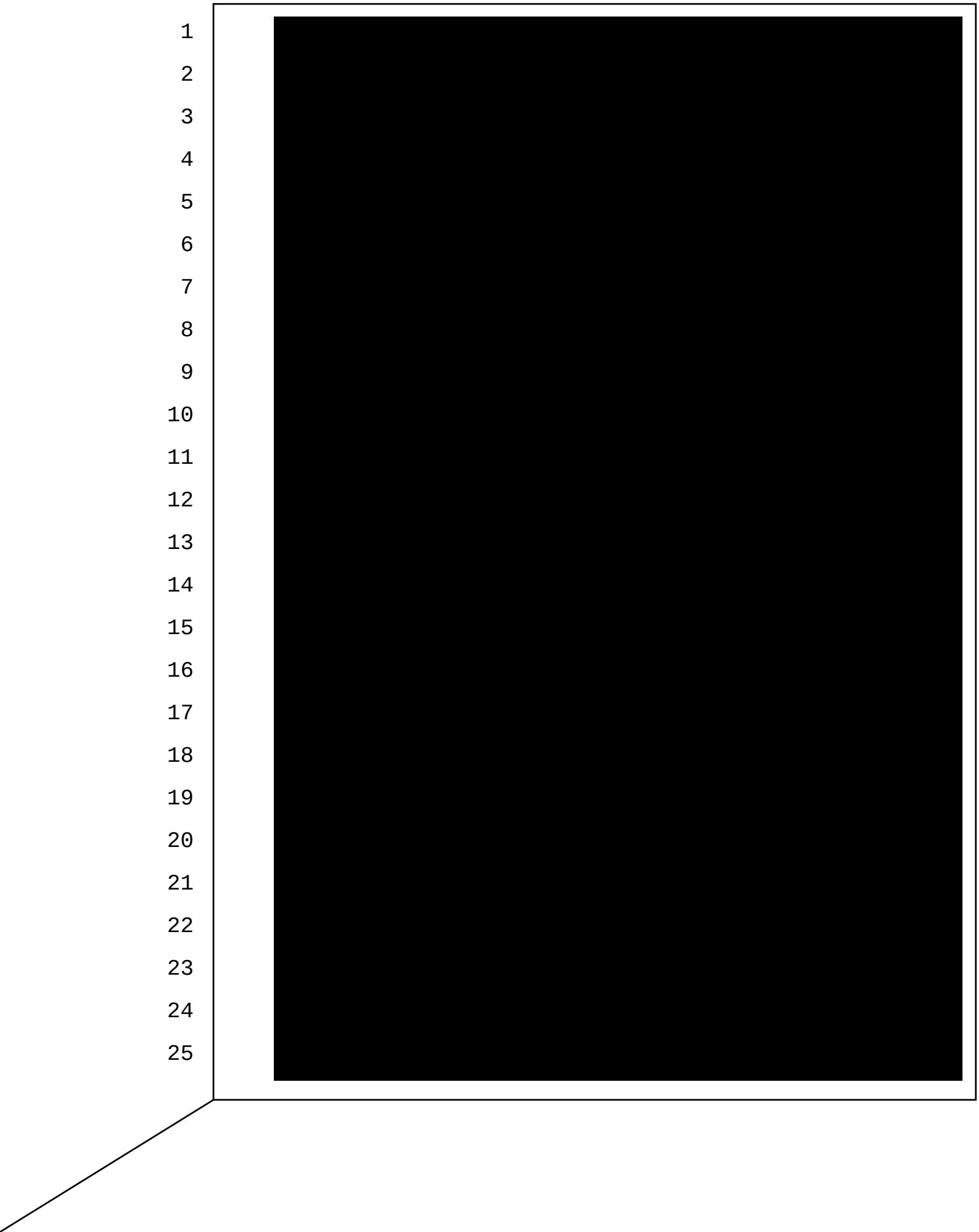

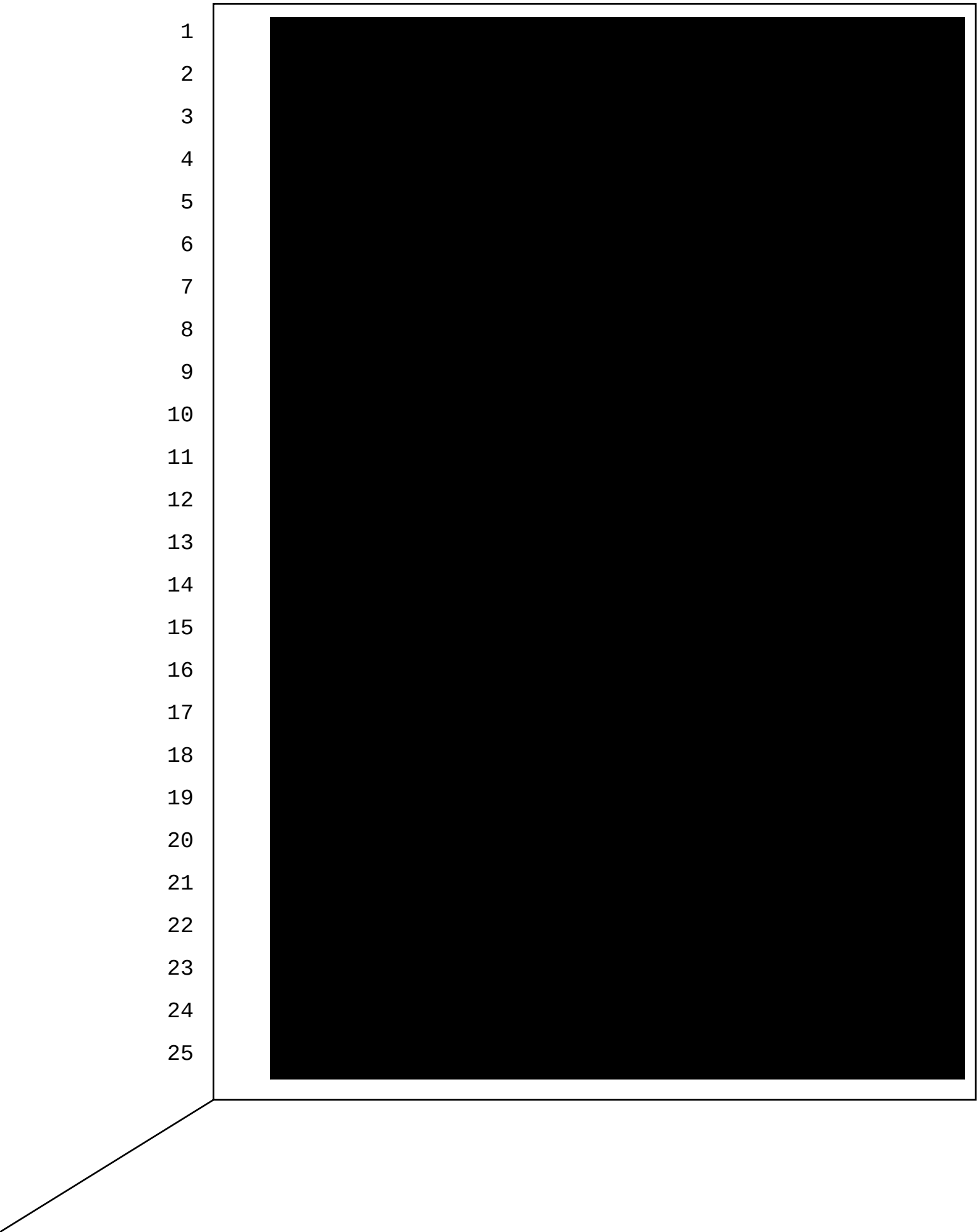

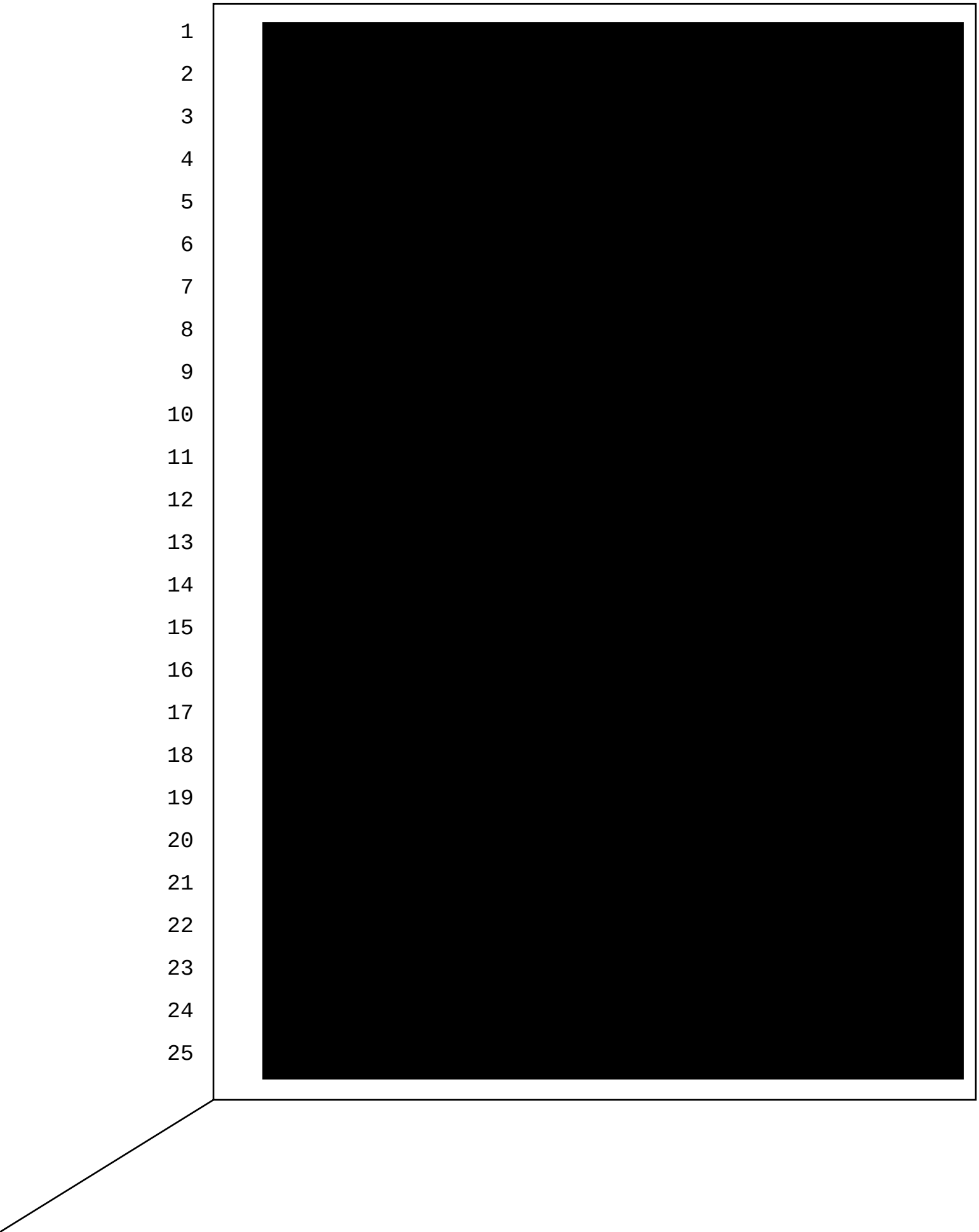

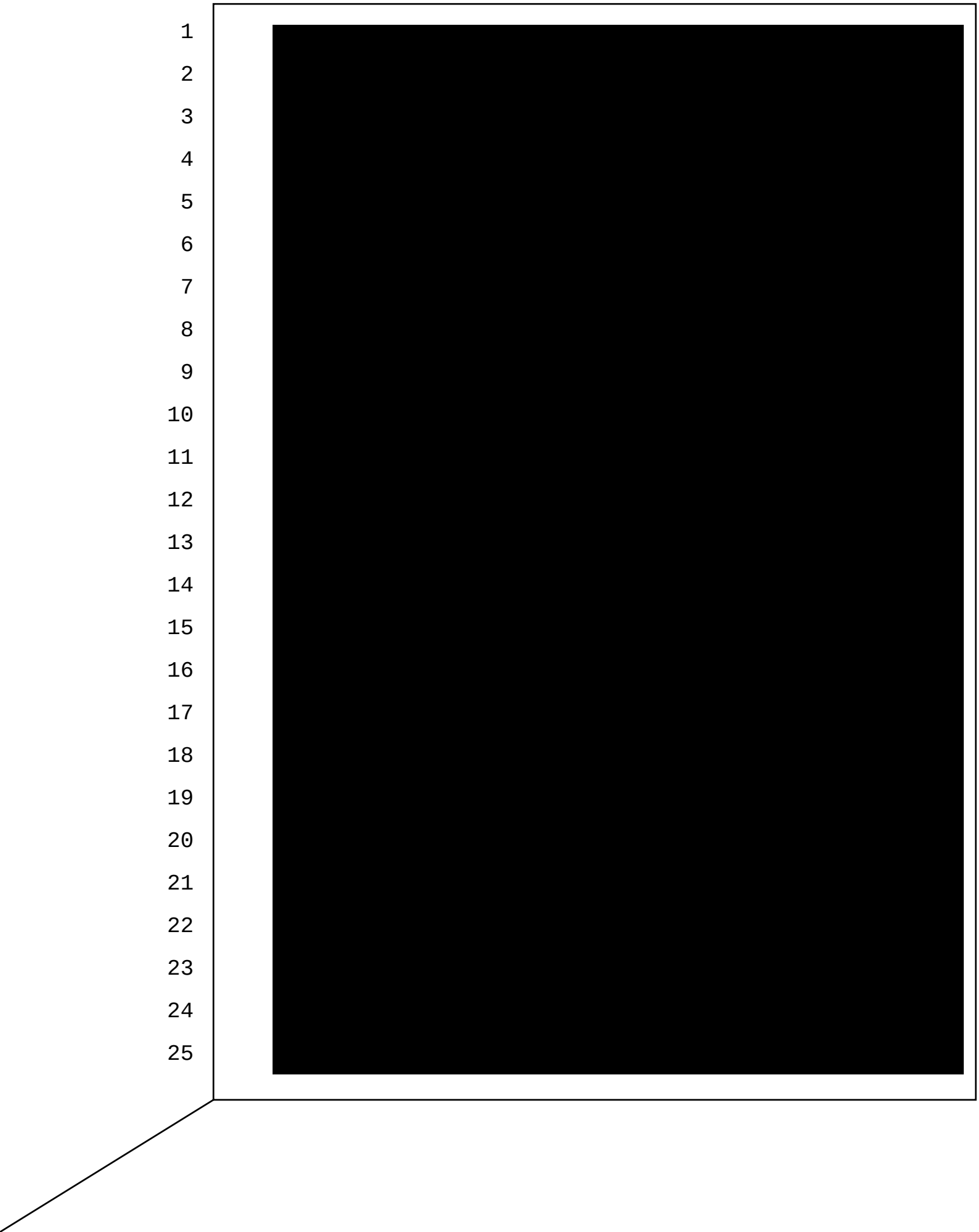

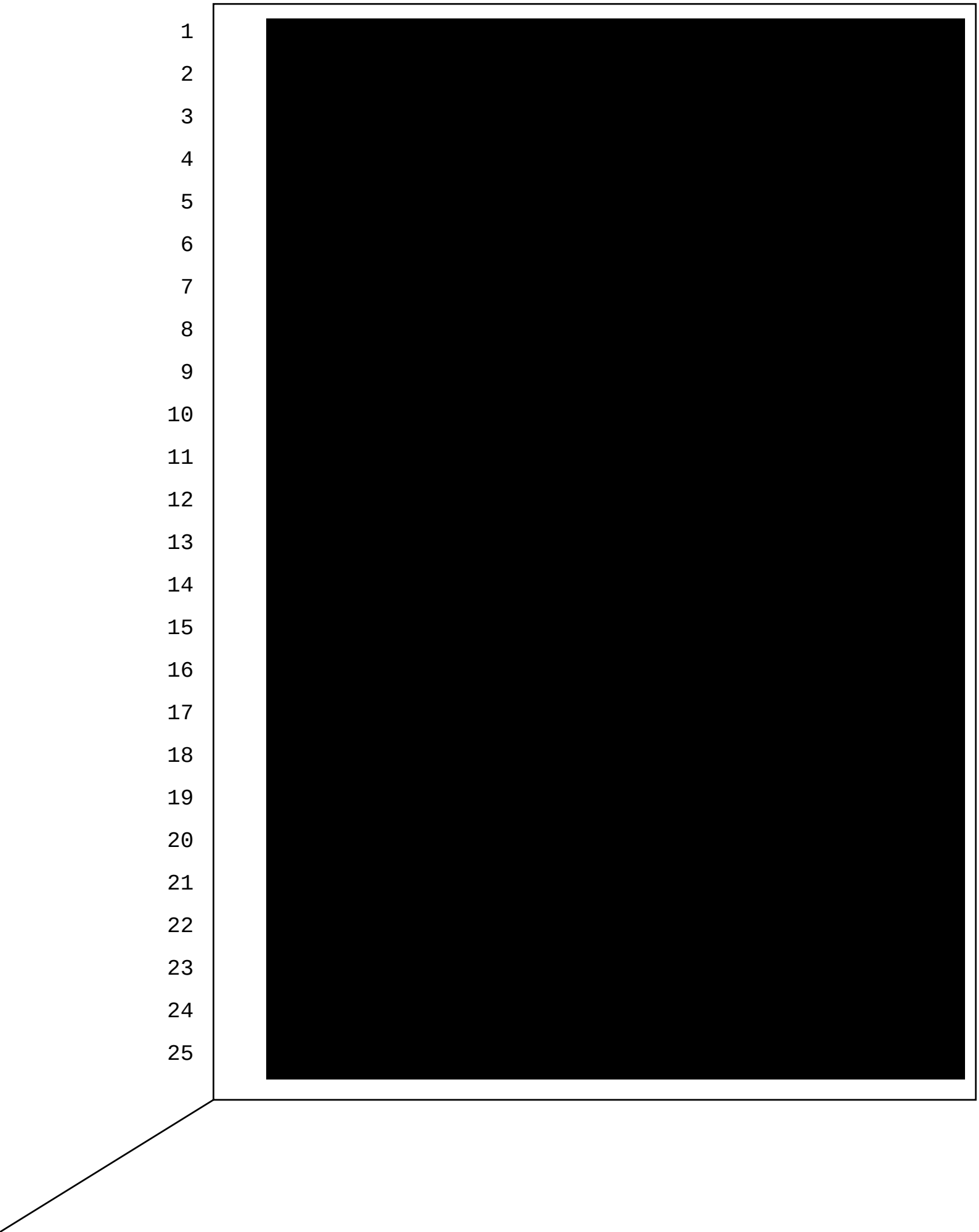

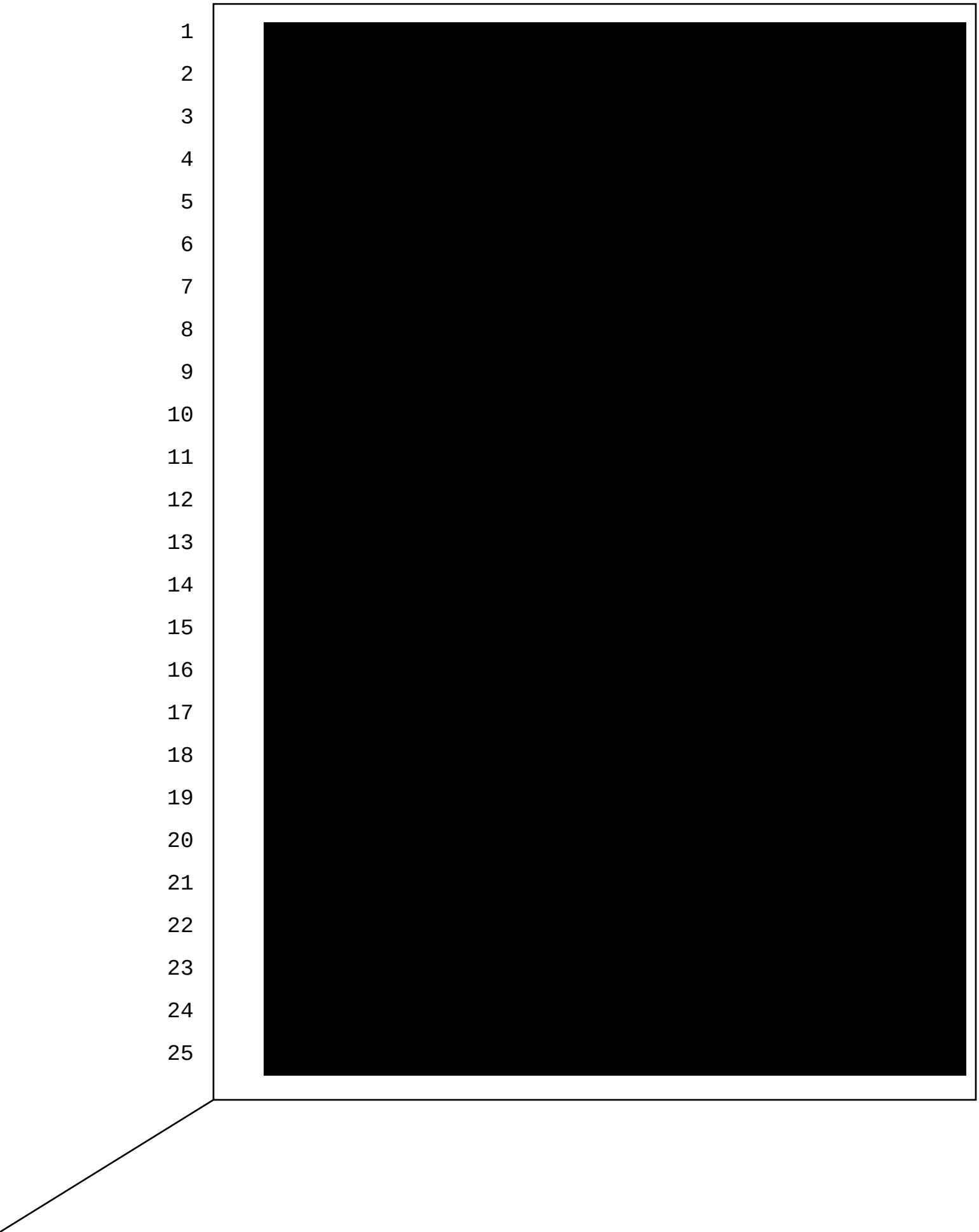

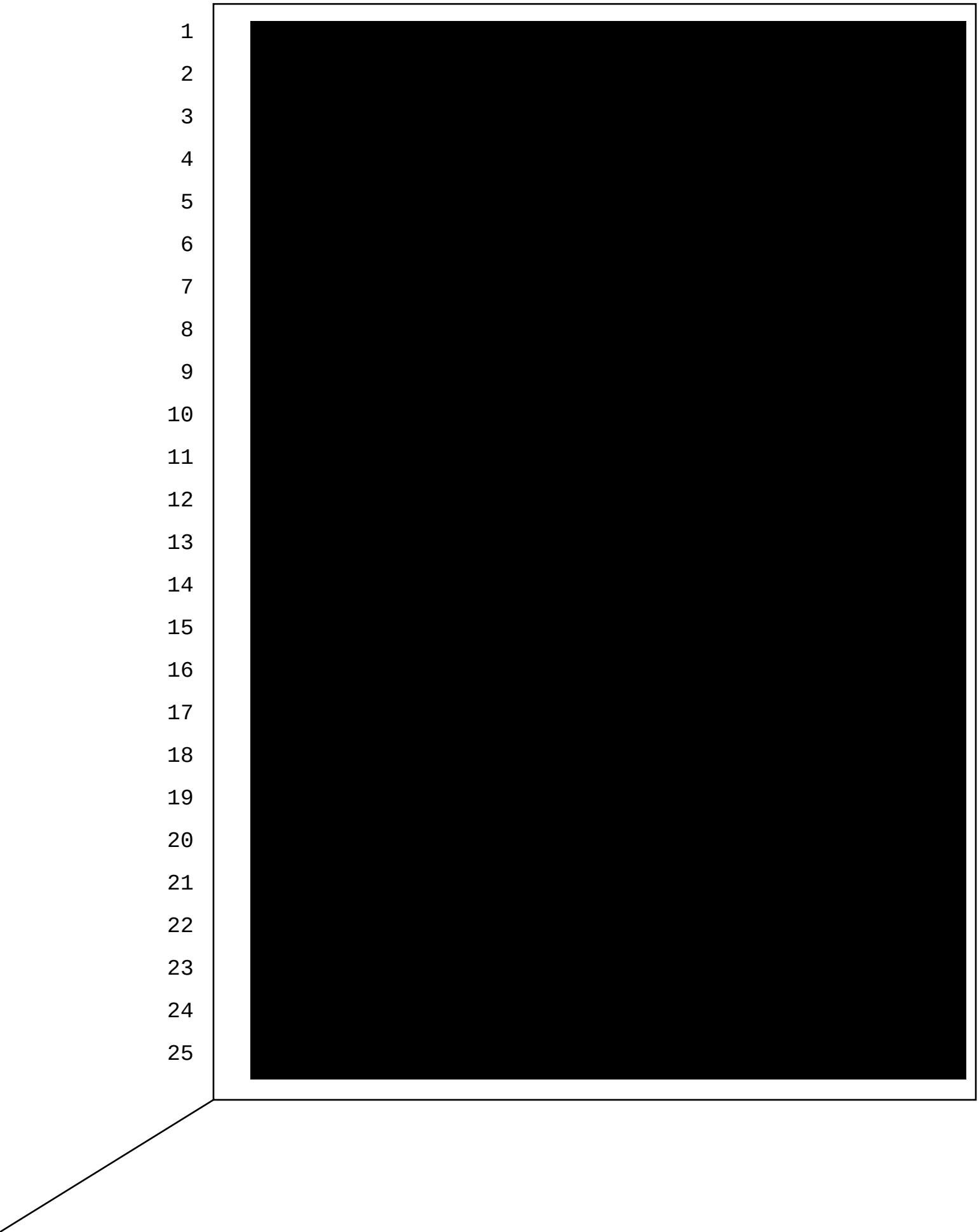

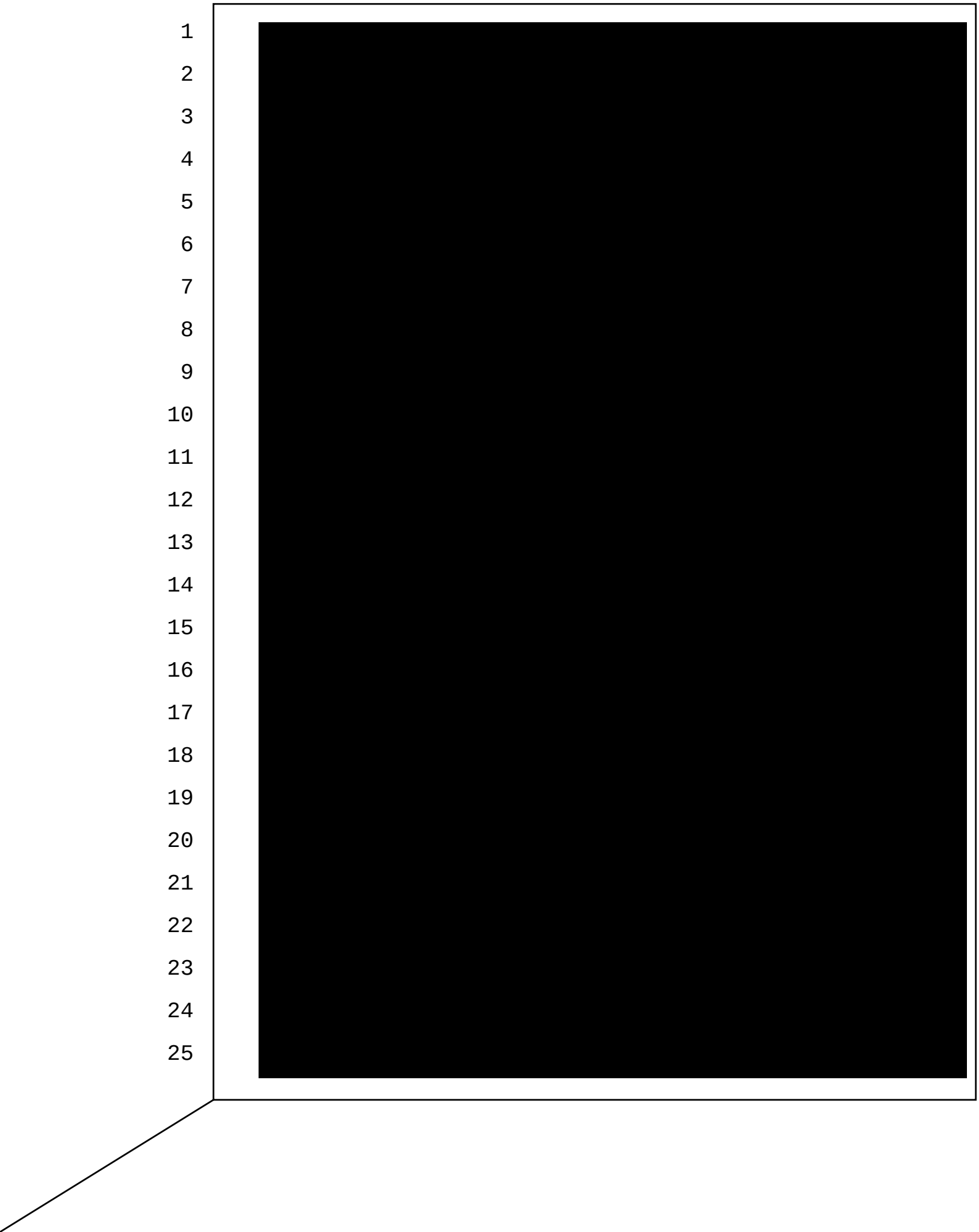

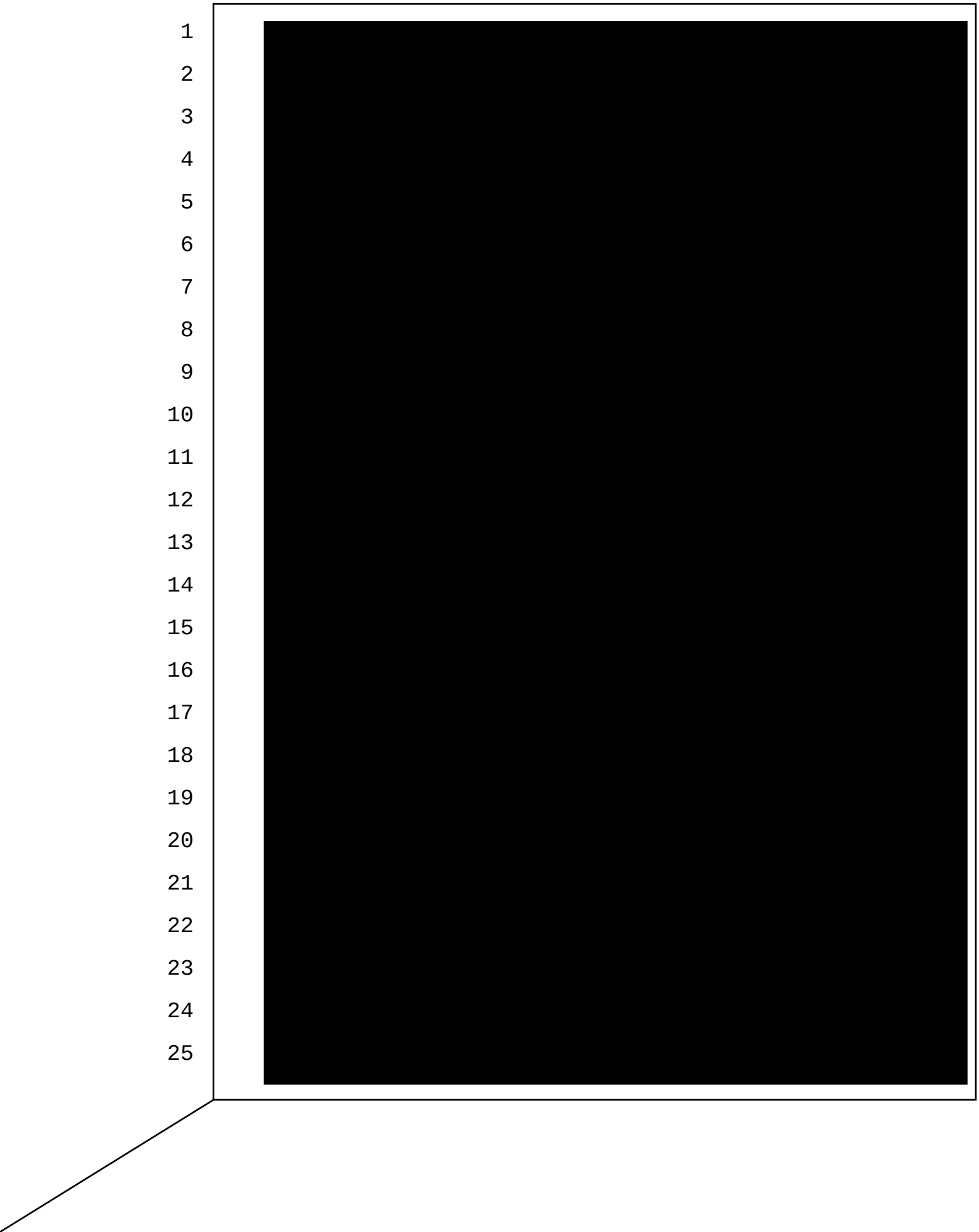



(Thereupon, the Closed Session Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.)

MS. PARKER: The Florida Channel is present, and we're back online now.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you so much.

MS. PARKER: You're welcome.

CHAIR BROWN: And thank you, Florida Channel. I appreciate that.

The time is now 9:46 AM. The closed meeting of the Florida Gaming Control Commission is hereby terminated, and we are now having the public meeting reopened.

We are taking up the item on the agenda today.

MALE SPEAKER 1: I'm on a call.

CHAIR BROWN: Pardon me? I -- did somebody speak? All right.

We are, this brings back COVID days right now. I'm getting, like, flashbacks. Oh, gosh. So with

that, we are taking up the item that is under consideration, and I would ask for our commissioners to make a motion on the item before us.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: I would move --

CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner Spicola.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: William Spicola for the record, I would move that Mr. Taupier be given settlement authority pursuant to the discussions we had during our closed session.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you, Commissioner Spicola. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: I will second that motion.

CHAIR BROWN: Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER D'AQUILA: This is Commissioner D'Aquila.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner D'Aquila. All those in favor say aye.

ALL MEMEBERS: Aye.

CHAIR BROWN: The motion passes unanimously. Are there any other matters, General Counsel Valentine, for us to discuss today?

MS. VALENTINE: No, not at this time. Thank you.

CHAIR BROWN: Commissioners, are there any other matters that you would like to bring up today?

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: No, ma'am.

VICE CHAIR REPP: No.

CHAIR BROWN: Okay. Well, I look forward to seeing you all very shortly in October.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR BROWN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Everybody have a great day.

CHAIR BROWN: Go Gators.

COMMISSIONER SPICOLA: Go Gators.

(Thereupon, the proceedings were concluded at 9:47 AM.)

CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE:

I, IRVING CABRERA, a Court Reporter in and for the State of Florida at Large, do hereby certify that I was authorized to and did report the proceedings in the above-styled cause at the time and place set forth; that the foregoing pages, numbered from 1 through 19, inclusive, constitute a true and complete record of my notes.

I further certify that I am not a relative, employee, attorney, or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorney or counsel with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

DATED on this 5th day of October 2026.

Irving Cabrera

IRVING CABRERA, Court Reporter

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