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## Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** January 23, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.

**Place:** Boston Convention and Exhibition Center  
415 Summer Street, Room 157  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Present:** Commissioner Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman  
Commissioner Gayle Cameron  
Commissioner James F. McHugh  
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins  
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

**Absent:** None

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### Call to Order

See transcript page 2.

9:32 a.m. Chairman Crosby opened the 103rd public meeting.

### Application Presentation – Blue Tarp Redevelopment

See transcript pages 2-74.

9:33 a.m. Marty Natasia, Jim Murren, Bill Hornbuckle, Phyllis James, Kelley Tucky, Michael Mathis, and Domenic Sarno presented on behalf of the applicant Blue Tarp Redevelopment, LLC.

11:02 a.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

### Approval of Minutes

See transcript pages 74-75.

11:31 a.m. Commissioner McHugh stated that the minutes for the January 9 public meeting are ready for approval.

*Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the minutes of December 9, 2014 be accepted subject to any mechanical or typographical corrections that may later be made. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Research and Problem Gaming**

See transcript pages 75-117.

11:32 a.m. Director Vander Linden presented the Western Massachusetts Casino Health Impact Assessment conducted by Partners for a Healthier Community. Kathleen Szegda and Frank Robinson provided more information on the assessment and responded to Commission questions.

12:20 p.m. The Commission took a recess.

### **Racing Division**

See transcript pages 117-137.

1:34 p.m. Director Durenberger proposed a two year extension to the existing pari-mutuel and simulcasting laws and provided three provisions for the Commission's consideration.

1:54 p.m. *Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the Commission adopt the modifications to the existing pari-mutuel and simulcasting laws contained in the proposed legislation. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.*

1:55 p.m. Director Durenberger discussed the claims for payment pursuant to G.L. c. 128A, § 5A and G.L. c. 128C, § 3A and recommended that the Commission approve payment.

1:57 p.m. *Motion made by Commissioner Stebbins that the Commission approve the payments for the 2012 outs book to the individuals listed in the Commission's meeting packet. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Administration**

See transcript pages 137-198.

1:58 p.m. Executive Director Day provided an administrative update on upcoming regulations, the Commission's search for office space, and the administrative completeness review of the RFA-2 applications.

2:01 p.m. Director Lennon provided an update on the Commission's budget and discussed current and projected spending.

- 2:18 p.m. Director Lennon presented a summary of the Commission's payments to consultants for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 evaluations.
- 2:25 p.m. Executive Director Day presented the Commission's proposed budget assessment process to recover Commission costs from the licensees.
- 2:43 p.m. The Commission discussed the tax withholding legislation and its effects on gaming.
- 3:06 p.m. Chairman Crosby left the meeting.

**Legal Division**

See transcript pages 198-216

- 3:07 p.m. General Counsel Blue discussed the process for applicants that have already been found suitable to enter Region C and whether a qualifier that the Commission has found suitable can enter Region C as an applicant. The Commission agreed to conduct more research on the issue and continue the discussion at a future meeting.
- 3:27 p.m. General Counsel Blue welcomed Loretta Lillios to the Commission's legal department. Attorney Lillios will be working primarily with the IEB.

**Licensing Division**

See transcript pages 216-226

- 3:28 p.m. Director Acosta described the progress on the licensing management system. The Commission expects that the system will be ready in early May. During the time period between the acceptance of license applications in March and the implementation of the system in May the Commission will utilize a temporary system to avoid delays in issuing licenses.
- 3:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

**List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. Blue Tarp Redevelopment Presentation
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission January 23, 2014 Notice of Meeting and Agenda
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission January 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes
4. Western Massachusetts Casino Health Impact Assessment Report
5. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Licensing Management System (LMS) Update
6. Massachusetts Racing Division January 23, 2014 Memorandum Regarding Proposed Extension of Existing Chapters 128A and 128C
7. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Budget and Assessment Process
8. January 6, 2014 Email Regarding State Withholding Taxes on Gaming Winnings and attachments

/s/ Catherine Blue  
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