



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: January 29, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

Place: Hynes Convention Center
900 Boylston Street, Room 202
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 pages 2-4.

9:01 a.m. Chairman Crosby opened the 105th public meeting.

9:01 a.m. Ombudsman Ziemba introduced the communities and venues petitioning and provided an overview of the process.

Everett Surrounding Community Discussion

See transcript pages 4-61.

9:04 a.m. Jonathan Silverstein, James Fitzgerald, and James Errickson presented the City of Everett's surrounding community petition.

9:38 a.m. Kevin Conroy, Charlie Baker, John Kennedy, and Bruce Barnett presented Mohegan Sun Massachusetts's response to the petition.

10:04 a.m. The City of Everett and Mohegan Sun Massachusetts provided additional comments.

Cambridge Surrounding Community Discussion

See transcript pages 61-103.

- 10:13 a.m. Lee Gianetti, Sue Clippinger, and Robert Haas presented the City of Cambridge's surrounding community petition.
- 10:26 a.m. Kim Sinatra, Chris Gordon, Keri Pyke, Suzanne Lackert, and Jacqui Krum presented Wynn MA's response to the petition.
- 10:45 a.m. The City of Cambridge and Wynn MA provided additional comments.
- 10:53 a.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

Saugus Surrounding Community Discussion

See transcript pages 103-141.

- 11:13 a.m. Ray Ausrotas, Scott Crabtree, Dan Murphy, Robert Luongo, Donald McQuaid, and Domenic DiMella presented the Town of Saugus's surrounding community petition.
- 11:46 a.m. Wynn MA presented its response to the petition.
- 11:53 a.m. The Town of Saugus provided additional comments.

Mohegan Sun Massachusetts Discussion

See transcript pages 141-143.

- 11:55 a.m. The Commission discussed the proposed location for the Mohegan Sun Massachusetts gaming establishment and determined that there were no portions of the proposal that extended into the City of Boston.
- 11:58 a.m. The Commission took a recess for lunch.

Administration

See transcript pages 143-228.

- 1:01 p.m. Executive Director Day introduced the discussion on the Category 2 license award process. General Counsel Blue and Jennifer Pinck provided more information on how the Commission will draft the final report and determine the winning application. The Commission discussed the procedure.
- 1:02 p.m. The Commission discussed its position relative to the withholding tax on winnings over \$600.
- 2:28 p.m. *Commissioner Zuniga moves that the Commission authorize the Chair to present all of the materials and arguments relative to the topic of the \$600 withholding and*

reporting threshold to the legislature and recommend that the legislature adopt the federal standards. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously

2:29 p.m. The Commission discussed the potential changes to the Expanded Gaming Act and how the possibility of the changes would affect the Commission's current application process.

Other Matters

See transcript pages 229-234.

2:35 p.m. Commissioner McHugh described the discussion from the host community hearing in the City of Leominster and emphasized that several people in Leominster expressed their views that the process was fair and open.

2:37 p.m. Commissioner McHugh expressed his interest in revisiting the arbitration provision in the regulations at a future date in order to discuss the implementation of a safety valve in the case that the arbitrator is left deciding between two equally implausible proposals.

2:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission January 29, 2014 Notice of Meeting and Agenda
2. Everett Surrounding Community Petition and Mohegan Sun's Response
3. Cambridge Surrounding Community Petition and Wynn's Response
4. Saugus Surrounding Community Petition and Wynn's Response
5. DRAFT Final Phase – Issuance of Category 2 License Flow Chart
6. Massachusetts Gaming Commission January 28, 2014 Memorandum Regarding \$600 Withholding and Reporting Requirements and attachment

/s/ Catherine Blue
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