



Meeting Minutes

- Date/Time:** October 1, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.
- Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts
- Present:** Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner James F. McHugh
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga
- Absent:** Chairman Stephen P. Crosby

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Call to Order

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[10:31 a.m.](#) Commissioner McHugh called to order the 165th Commission Meeting and noted the absence of Chairman Crosby.

Approval of Minutes

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[10:31 a.m.](#) *Commissioner McHugh moved for the approval of the September 17, 2015 minutes with reservation of power to correct mechanical and typographical errors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

Administration

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[10:32 a.m.](#) Interim Executive Director Karen Wells reported that the Commission has received an RFA-2 application from Mass Gaming & Entertainment. She also acknowledged the assistance and support she has received from senior staff which has allowed for a successful transition period as interim director.

[10:34 a.m.](#) Commissioner Stebbins provided an update on the Executive Director search which included the following: the Commission has received over 40 resumes to date, the

first round of the interview process will begin soon, resumes will be accepted until a candidate is selected, and the job posting was circulated, via staff and stakeholders, at the G2E meeting in Las Vegas (Global Gaming Expo).

[10:35 a.m.](#) Chief Enforcement Counsel and Deputy Director Loretta Lillios, of the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB), presented on the process for implementing civil administrative penalties and highlighted modifications made to the flowchart since the last Commission meeting. She reported on two notices of non-compliance that were issued to Plainridge Park Casino - one notice pertained to minimum security staffing levels and the other notice pertained to underage individuals engaged in gaming. She also reported that both matters received corrective action by Plainridge Park Casino.

Research and Responsible Gaming

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[10:54 a.m.](#) Christopher Bruce, a Crime Analyst Consultant, provided an overview on the baseline crime analysis for Plainville and the surrounding communities. The crime analysis is part of the broader study of the social and economic impacts of gaming in Massachusetts. He reported that he pulled data from five communities - Plainville, Mansfield, Attleboro, North Attleboro, and Wrentham - to establish a baseline dataset to analyze crime changes and impact on police activity in the future. The dataset included the following: annual crime totals, average number of offenses over a five year period, offender demographics, mean distance travelled by offenders, crimes by location type, calls-for-service, collisions, temporal and spatial patterns. He noted that the next project phase includes working with records management vendors to capture casino-related incident codes, integration of outside data, and providing a full quarter analysis for Plainridge Park Casino by comparing new data with baseline statistics. Mr. Bruce also provided a summary of his professional background.

Ombudsman

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[11:39 a.m.](#) Ombudsman John Ziemba and Chief of Staff Janice Reilly provided an update on Region C which included receipt of the Mass Gaming & Entertainment RFA-2 application, highlights of key dates for application review process, surrounding community petitions, completion of initial baseline review of application, and process will start for review of application for administrative completeness.

Racing Division

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[11:48 a.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Interim Director of Racing, presented on request from Plainridge Park Casino asking to reschedule live racing days. Dr. Lightbown noted that the horsemen are in agreement with this request.

[11:50 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the request of Plainridge Park Casino to replace the two canceled days of live racing on October 13 and October 27th. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

- [11:51 a.m.](#) Senior Financial Analyst Doug O'Donnell presented on the quarterly local aid distribution that is paid to the cities and towns where racing and simulcasting are taking place.
- [11:52 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the local aid distributions for the quarter ending March 31, 2015 for each of the tracks that are outlined in the memo. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga with clarification to correct quarter ending date. Motion passed unanimously.*
- [11:54 a.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown presented on request for approval of Rodolfo Baez as a racing official at Suffolk Downs pending completion of his background check.
- [11:54 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the request of Suffolk Downs to approve Rodolfo Baez as a racing official pending satisfactory completion of his background check. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

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- [11:55 a.m.](#) *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated October 1, 2015
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Meeting Minutes dated September 17, 2015
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Process for Civil Administrative Penalties Chart
4. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated October 1, 2015 regarding Baseline Report of Gaming Related Public Safety Impact
5. Assessing the Impact of Gambling on Public Safety in Massachusetts, PowerPoint Presentation and Report, Christopher W. Bruce, Crime Analyst
6. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Region C Estimated Category 1(Resort-Casino) Timeline, Last updated September 28, 2015
7. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated September 28, 2015 regarding Plainridge Park Casino, Rescheduling Live Racing Days with attachments
8. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Racing Division, Computation of Local Aid Distributions
9. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated September 28, 2015 regarding Suffolk Downs Racing Official
10. Letter from Chip Tuttle to Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, dated September 28, 2015 regarding request for approval of Rodolfo Baez as a racing official

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary