



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 15, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Present: Commissioner James F. McHugh
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

Absent: Chairman Stephen P. Crosby
Commissioner Gayle Cameron

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Commission meeting video**

Call to Order

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10:30 a.m. Commissioner McHugh called to order the 166th Commission Meeting and noted the absence of Chairman Crosby and Commissioner Cameron.

Approval of Minutes

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10:31 a.m. *Commissioner McHugh moved for the approval of the September 24, 2015 minutes with reservation of power to correct mechanical and typographical errors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

Commissioner McHugh moved for the approval of the October 1, 2015, minutes with reservation of power to correct mechanical and typographical errors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.

Administration

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10:32 a.m. Chief Project Manager Joan Matsumoto provided an update on the After Action Review - an assessment of activities to identify best practices, issues and concerns, corrective actions, and lessons learned from the Plainridge Park Casino opening. She reported she hopes to deliver a final report by the end of the calendar year.

[10:47 a.m.](#) Interim Executive Director Karen Wells presented on a request for approval of a key gaming executive license for Stephanie Shockley and provided a summary of Ms. Shockley's educational and professional background.

[10:49 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the key gaming license for Stephanie Shockley as Director of Surveillance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

Research and Responsible Gaming

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[10:51 a.m.](#) Director Mark Vander Linden provided an update on the Play Management system – a budget setting tool, which included roll out timeline and evaluation to determine effectiveness.

[10:58 a.m.](#) Trina Cramer, Product Manager for Scientific Games, presented on Play Management screen views which included: Play Management icon, enrollment notification, terms and conditions, rewards PIN, choices to set budget, food credit, account history, un-enroll features, notification messages, and change budget options. She also noted availability of Play Management and GameSense information on kiosk screens.

[11:47 a.m.](#) The Commission took a short recess.

[11:52 a.m.](#) The meeting resumed.

Ombudsman

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[11:52 a.m.](#) Ombudsman John Ziemba provided an update on the Region C evaluation process which included receipt of letters pertaining to designation as a surrounding community, a request from Mass Gaming & Entertainment (“MGE”) for a two week delay on their 90 minute presentation, and an updated draft schedule.

[12:00 p.m.](#) Commissioners Zuniga and McHugh stated that the request from MGE for a two week delay on their presentation was reasonable.

[12:03 p.m.](#) Chief of Staff Janice Reilly and Licensing Director Paul Connelly provided an update on the Region C application review process. They reported that the administrative completeness review has been finished, a deficiency letter was sent to Attorney Donnelly, and the application, except for sections that are still in review or marked confidential, will be posted on the website.

[12:08 p.m.](#) Jill Griffin, Director of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development, reported on receipt of ILEV (Impacted Live Entertainment Venue) petitions received from the Brockton 21st Century Corporation on behalf of Campanelli Stadium and the Shaw's Center; and the Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition on behalf of South Shore Playhouse (d/b/a South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent), Lynn Auditorium, and the Zeiterion Theatre in New Bedford.

Racing Division

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- [12:11 p.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Interim Director of Racing, provided an update on the 2016 racing license applications received from Plainridge, Suffolk, Brockton and Middleboro. She noted that public hearings will be scheduled and the applications will be posted on the MGC website.
- [12:13 p.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown presented on recommendation to approve request from Suffolk Downs for premium free period on harness simulcasting – from May 17 through August 8, 2015.
- [12:15 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the request of Suffolk Downs to have May 17 through August 8, 2015 designated as their premium free period for harness racing simulcast signal. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

Legal Division

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- [12:16 p.m.](#) General Counsel Catherine Blue presented on the schedule for the issuance of the Section 61 Findings for MGM. General Counsel Blue noted that the draft Section 61 Findings have been provided to MGM and to our consultants for review.
- [12:21 p.m.](#) Attorney Jed Nosal, representing MGM Springfield, reported on notice of project change.
- [12:24 p.m.](#) Deputy General Counsel Todd Grossman provided an update on draft 205 CMR 129 - a transfer regulation. Deputy General Counsel Grossman noted that the language will be reorganized to address a number of transfers that may occur and an updated draft will be presented to the Commission for review.
- [12:29 p.m.](#) General Counsel Blue presented on the Wynn site design review process. General Counsel Blue noted that consultants will provide the Commissioners with a report on their review of the proposed design and the current design provided by Wynn.

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

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- [12:34 p.m.](#) *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated October 15, 2015
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Meeting Minutes dated September 24, 2015
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Meeting Minutes dated October 1, 2015,
4. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, After Action Report: Plainridge Park Casino Opening

5. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated October 15, 2015 regarding Status Update on Play Management with attachment
6. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Region C Estimated Category 1(Resort-Casino) Timeline, Last updated September 28, 2015
7. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Region C Estimated Category 1(Resort-Casino) Timeline, Last updated October 13, 2015
8. Letter from John Donnelly to Ombudsman John Ziemba, dated October 7, 2015 regarding Mass Gaming & Entertainment's request for extension
9. Letters from Towns Regarding Designation as a Surrounding Community: Abington, Avon, East Bridgewater, Easton, Holbrook, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, Whitman, and Pembroke
10. Letter from the Brockton 21st Century Corporation to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, dated October 13, 2015 regarding Impacted Live Entertainment Venue
11. Letter from the Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, dated October 8, 2015 regarding Impacted Live Entertainment Venue
12. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated October 13, 2015 regarding Suffolk Downs Request for Premium Free Period for Harness Simulcasting
13. Letter from James Alcott to Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, dated September 18, 2015 regarding request for approval of premium rate waiver of harness simulcast signals

/s/ Catherine Blue

Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary