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## Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** November 19, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.

**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Present:** Chairman Stephen P. Crosby  
Commissioner Gayle Cameron  
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald  
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins  
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

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### **Call to Order**

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[10:33 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby called to order the 170<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

### **Administration**

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[10:33 a.m.](#) Commissioner Stebbins provided an update on the executive director search which included the following: the Commission has received over 70 resumes to date, interviews of candidates are ongoing, and they anticipate final interviews in December and an executive director in place after the first of the year.

### **Ombudsman**

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[10:36 a.m.](#) General Manager Lance George provided an overview of the Plainridge Park Casino Quarterly Report which included the following highlights: staffing demographics, diversity goals, vendor diversity spend, local spend, diversity spend action plan, revenue and taxes, compliance with regulations, compliance with community agreements, company overview, events, and promotions. General Manager George also reported on current projects which included the Central Monitoring System, the Intercept Detection System, and Play Management.

[11:10 a.m.](#) Ombudsman John Ziemba reported on MGM's public presentation in Springfield and noted the following highlights: the meeting was hosted by the City of Springfield and attended by approximately 300 people, MGM announced that they will increase project budget to \$950 million, MGM expressed continued commitment to the project, MGM discussed square footage reductions, and MGM promised a renewed focus on transparency and communications.

[11:15 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby noted that the Commission will have a public meeting and public hearing on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Springfield. MGM will present on their proposed design changes at the public meeting and the public is invited to the public hearing in the afternoon to offer comments on the design changes.

### **Legal Division**

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[11:20 a.m.](#) Deputy General Counsel Todd Grossman presented on a licensee's request for a non-disclosure agreement and provided an overview of the public records law. He also provided options for the Commission's consideration on the review and approval process. The Commissioners discussed process options.

[11:33 a.m.](#) General Counsel Catherine Blue summarized that the Legal Division will review requests for non-disclosure agreements, prepare a memo, and brief individual Commissioners before a vote at a Commission meeting.

[11:37 a.m.](#) Deputy General Counsel Grossman presented on draft regulation 205 CMR 129: Transfer of Interests and proposed commencement of a new promulgation process.

[11:51 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the draft regulations 205 CMR 116, 205 CMR 102.02, and 205CMR 129 as presented in the packet and start the formal promulgation process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed unanimously.*

[11:52 a.m.](#) The Commission took a short recess.

[12:00 p.m.](#) The meeting resumed.

[12:00 p.m.](#) General Counsel Blue noted the annual election of the Gaming Commission Secretary and Treasurer.

[12:01 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga nominated Commissioner Macdonald as Secretary. Commissioner Stebbins seconded the nomination. Nomination passed unanimously.*

[12:03 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins nominated Commissioner Zuniga as Treasurer. Commissioner Cameron seconded the nomination. Nomination passed unanimously.*

### **Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development**

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[12:04 p.m.](#) Director Jill Griffin noted that a priority of the gaming law is to include Veterans in the building and operation of casinos. She reported on the expanded definition of Veterans which includes members of the National Guard.

[12:05 p.m.](#) Commissioner Stebbins provided a background on the expanded definition of Veterans. Commissioner Stebbins reported that the expanded definition was put out for public comment and due to some concerns received; he suggested withdrawing the proposed definition change at this time to gather additional feedback and conduct more outreach. He also stated that he will ask the licensees to track information on employees and their National Guard service.

### **Fantasy Sports Update**

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[12:13 p.m.](#) Chairman Crosby noted that the Commission will host a public education forum on December 10th to discuss fantasy sports and online gaming. He also noted that forum speakers will include experts in the industry, representatives from daily fantasy sports and the casino industry, licensees, and others to help the Commission make recommendations to the Legislature.

### **Research and Responsible Gaming**

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[12:15 p.m.](#) Interim Director Karen Wells reported that the Research and Responsible Gaming agenda item will not go forward as Director Vander Linden is out sick.

### **Investigations and Enforcement Bureau**

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[12:17 p.m.](#) Chief Enforcement Counsel and Deputy Director Loretta Lillios presented on slot machine leasing which included revenue share arrangements and a jurisdictional survey of participation agreements. She also reported that staff will conduct additional research and provide a detailed report to the Commission.

### **Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated**

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[12:35 p.m.](#) *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cameron. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated November 19, 2015
2. Plainridge Park Casino Report to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission – Q3 2015
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated November 19, 2015 regarding Non-Disclosure Agreements with Gaming Licensees, with attachment
4. Draft Regulation 205 CMR 102.02: Construction and Application
5. Draft Regulation 205 CMR 116.00: Persons Required to be Licensed or Qualified
6. Draft Regulation 205 CMR 129.00: Review of a Proposed Transfer of Interests
7. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated November 19, 2015 regarding Recommendations for the Annual Gaming Research Agenda

/s/ Catherine Blue

Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary