



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: November 21, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

Place: Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street, Room 151A
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.

9:05 a.m. Chairman Crosby opened the 91st public meeting.

Approval of Minutes

See transcript page 2-3.

9:05 a.m. Commissioner McHugh stated that the minutes for the November 7 and November 14 public meetings are ready for approval.

Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the minutes of November 7, 2013 be accepted subject to any mechanical or typographical corrections that may later be found. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the minutes of November 14, 2013 be accepted subject to any mechanical or typographical corrections that may later be found. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.

Surrounding Community, Involuntary Disbursement, and ILEV Petitions

Report by Ombudsman John Ziemba. See transcript pages 4-115.

- 9:07 a.m. Ombudsman Ziemba provided an overview of the surrounding community petitions that the Commission received.
- 9:13 a.m. Ombudsman Ziemba presented the surrounding community petition of the Town of Bolton, PPE Casino Resorts MA, LLC's response, and relevant studies. The Commission discussed the merits of the petition.
- 9:50 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the Commission, in light of the traffic impact revealed by the Commission's consultants, designate the Town of Bolton as a surrounding community to the proposed gaming establishment of PPE Casino Resorts MA, LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.*
- 9:51 a.m. Ombudsman Ziemba presented the surrounding community petition of the City of Fitchburg, PPE Casino Resorts MA, LLC's response, and relevant studies. The Commission discussed the merits of the petition.
- 10:19 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner Cameron that the Commission deny the City of Fitchburg's petition to be designated as a surrounding community to the proposed gaming establishment of PPE Casino Resorts MA, LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. The motion passed unanimously.*
- 10:20 a.m. Ombudsman Ziemba presented the surrounding community petition of the Town of Sterling, PPE Casino Resorts MA, LLC's response, and relevant studies. The Commission discussed the merits of the petition.
- 10:35 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the Commission deny the Town of Sterling's petition to be designated as a surrounding community to the proposed gaming establishment of PPE Casino Resorts MA, LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. The motion passed unanimously.*
- 10:35 a.m. Ombudsman Ziemba presented the surrounding community petition of the Town of Dighton, Raynham Park, LLC's response, and relevant studies. The Commission discussed the merits of the petition.
- 10:41 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the Commission deny the Town of Dighton's petition to be designated as a surrounding community to the proposed gaming establishment of Raynham Park, LLC. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.*
- 10:41 a.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

- 10:57 a.m. Ombudsman Ziembra presented the City of Fitchburg's petition for involuntary disbursement.
- 10:58 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the Commission deny the City of Fitchburg's petition for involuntary disbursement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.*
- 10:59 a.m. General Counsel Blue reported on the status of the impacted live entertainment venue petitions. The Commission will not review the merits of the two impacted live entertainment venue petitions because the applicants have agreed to the designation.
- 11:00 a.m. Ombudsman Ziembra presented the surrounding community petition of the Town of Bridgewater, Raynham Park, LLC's response, and relevant studies. The Commission discussed the merits of the petition.
- 11:20 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the Commission designate the Town of Bridgewater as a surrounding community to the proposed gaming establishment of Raynham Park, LLC because of the traffic impacts that the facility is likely to produce with respect to Route 104. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.*

Legal Report

Report by Deputy General Counsel Todd Grossman. See transcript pages 115-123.

- 11:23 a.m. Deputy General Counsel Grossman presented the notice of public hearing and the small business impact statement that the Commission will file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth in order to promulgate the Commission's licensing regulations and amendments to the existing regulations. The Commission discussed the small business impact statement.
- 11:30 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner Stebbins that the Commission approve the small business impact statement as presented with the potential inclusion of a small business definition and other slight modifications. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.*

Administration

See transcript pages 123-133.

- 11:32 a.m. Executive Director Day provided an administrative update. The Commission's reception is now on the 10th floor and a new full time receptionist will be starting in December. The Commission's new fiscal analyst has reported to work. The Commission plans to move to its new location by September 2014. The Commission's licensing consultants are beginning to work on implementing the licensing system. The Commission is also in the process of developing its system for monitoring the slot parlor and casino construction.

11:35 a.m. Executive Director Day provided an overview of the Commission's proposed assessment process to recover Commission costs from licensees. He recommended drafting regulations and clarifying that the assessments will begin with license award, not with the start of operations.

IEB Report

See transcript pages 133-136.

11:45 a.m. Director Wells provided an update of the final two suitability hearings. The Commission has scheduled Blue Tarp's hearing for December 9 and Wynn's hearing for December 16. The IEB is working with Sterling Suffolk to determine what investigations are necessary when it selects its new operator.

11:48 a.m. The Commission took a recess for lunch.

Sterling Suffolk Discussion

See transcript pages 137-230.

12:27 p.m. Chairman Crosby introduced the issue relative to whether Sterling Suffolk Racecourse can continue to the RFA-2 process by moving its proposed facilities into the Town of Revere.

12:33 p.m. Mayor Dan Rizzo from the Town of Revere expressed his support for the Sterling Suffolk proposal and discussed the Revere Host Community Agreement. Chip Tuttle and Charlie Baker described their proposal and responded to Commission questions.

1:17 p.m. Celeste Myers and Matt Cameron, from No Eastie Casino, presented their thoughts relative to the Sterling Suffolk proposal.

1:41 p.m. Gary Ferragamo, Joe Tedesca, Steven Chambelli, and Mary Berringer, representatives of individuals in favor of the Sterling Suffolk proposal for a casino in Revere, presented their thoughts.

1:50 p.m. The Commission deliberated on the issue and agreed to make no decision at this time.

2:05 p.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

2:16 p.m. Ms. Preston presented her opinion relative to Sterling Suffolk's plans in Revere.

Workforce, Supplier, and Diversity Development Report

Report by Director Jill Griffin. See transcript pages 230-266.

2:20 p.m. Director Griffin discussed labor harmony during construction and operation of the gaming establishments.

2:23 p.m. Julie Kushner, Ernestine Dawkins, Jim Lawry, and Denise Gladue presented on behalf of the UAW on the importance of labor harmony agreements.

Other Matters

See transcript pages 266-267.

3:01 p.m. Commissioner Stebbins raised the issue of how the Commission will handle licensing of interns at a gaming establishment for discussion at a future Commission meeting.

3:02 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission November 21, 2013 Notice of Meeting and Agenda
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission November 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission November 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes
4. City of Fitchburg Correspondence re: Disbursement Grant
5. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Notice of Public Hearing relative to the Licensing Regulations
6. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Small Business Impact Statement relative to the Licensing Regulations
7. Mass Performing Arts Center Petition to be designated as an Impacted Live Entertainment Venue
8. Mass Performing Arts Coalition November 20, 2013 email
9. Sterling Suffolk Update Letter and related materials
10. UAW Letter and Statements for November 21, 2013
11. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Proposal for Licensee Cost Assessment
12. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Dighton Surrounding Community Petition Analysis
13. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Fitchburg Surrounding Community Petition Analysis
14. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Bolton Surrounding Community Petition Analysis
15. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Sterling Surrounding Community Petition Analysis
16. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Bridgewater Surrounding Community Petition Analysis

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