



Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: December 21, 2016 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Present:

Chairman Stephen P. Crosby	Derek Lennon
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Loretta Lillios
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald	Janice Reilly
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Mark Vander Linden
Bruce Band	Karen Wells
Trupti Banda	John Ziemba
Edward Bedrosian	
Catherine Blue	
Paul Connelly	

Call to Order

10:31 a.m. Chairman Crosby called to order the 2nd Agenda Setting meeting.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

Item #1 – Responsible Gaming Planning – Category 1 Facilities. Mark Vander Linden reported that this item is ready to go on January 5th. He stated that it pertains to Play My Way and the category 1 facilities.

Item #2 – Table Games Rules Memo. Bruce Band reported that this item is ready to go on January 5th. Chairman Crosby inquired how long the memo was and Catherine Blue responded 3-4 pages.

Item #3 – 205 CMR 134 – Final Approval/Process. Catherine Blue reported that this is ready and approval is needed for the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and changes to the licensing regulation. Karen Wells reported that there have been a couple of tweaks to the regulation that will be pointed out for the Commissioners.

Karen Wells requested to add to the (January 5th) agenda approval for a gaming vendor primary suitability.

Loretta Lillios requested to add to the (January 5th) agenda 205 CMR 152, minor adjustments to the exclusion list regulation. She stated that the proposed regulation change is not an emergency.

Item #4 – Hearing Process Regulations Discussion. Edward Bedrosian reported that this item should be moved to under review. They are still working on this item.

Item #5 – 12 Month Lottery Analysis. Mark Vander Linden reported that this item is all set. He stated that Mark Nichols and Rachel Volberg will be presenting on the impact of the lottery.

Item #6 – PPC Capital Investment Plan Required by 205 CMR 139.09. Edward Bedrosian reported that this item is good to go.

Item #7 – MGC Quarterly Budget Review. Derek Lennon reported that this item is ready to go.

Item #8 – Baseline Online Panel Survey Report. Mark Vander Linden reported that he would like to push this out to a meeting in February due to the logistics of trying to get the right presenter. He stated that he will report back if he can do this on February 2nd.

Commissioner Macdonald inquired about the subject matter of this survey and Director Vander Linden responded that it is a companion to the 10,000 person gambling survey. He stated that this survey will include 7000 participants, recruited online, and directed towards problem or potential problem gamblers.

Item #9 – Non-Gaming Vendor Registration. Karen Wells stated that she is not sure what the Commission wants. Her recommendation is to take time for the regulation (205 CMR 134) to go into effect and then collect data. She stated that for service employees she is waiting to hear back from Michael and Carroll as they are looking at other jurisdictions. Director Wells wants to wait to see what other jurisdictions are doing. She stated that it may be ready to go on January 19th.

Item #10 – Review of 2017 MGM Workforce Development Plans. Jill Griffin was not present. This item should remain under review.

Item #11 – Table Games Rules Regulations. Bruce Band reported that they should be ready after getting guidance from the Commission on the 5th.

Item #12 – Potential Impacts of Marijuana Legalization. Catherine Blue reported that public comments are being accepted until January 2nd and it could be ready to go on January 19th. Edward Bedrosian suggested we keep under review until we see what we get.

Item #13 – Diversity Numbers Review. Commissioner Zuniga reported that Joe (Delaney) and Jill (Griffin) will meet with licensees and to keep this item under review.

Item #14 – Deeper Analysis of Baseline Study. Mark Vander Linden reported that a deeper analysis will be conducted on the initial 10,000 baseline survey and will look at multiple variables for individuals who are problem gamblers and at risk gamblers. He stated that the analysis will help inform treatment and prevention programs. He stated that this item may be ready to go in March. Commissioner Zuniga raised the matter of raking/weighting of data.

Item #15 – Gaming Equipment Regulations. Bruce Band reported that this item should be ready. Catherine Blue stated that the regulations are pretty much done. She stated that it will give our licensees an opportunity to order equipment in advance.

Item #16 – Gaming Training Schools and Community College Update. Chairman Crosby stated that we can skip this item.

Item #17 – Review MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Chairman Crosby stated that we should look at this now that we have some time behind us. Catherine Blue stated that she will get the legal team to look at this item.

Item #18 – Review MGC Mission and Values. Chairman Crosby noted that the language in this item is outdated. He suggested that Trupti Banda may want to look at this and follow up with the diversity trainer. He also suggested having everyone be involved in developing a new mission/values. Chairman Crosby stated to keep this item under review.

Chairman Crosby stated that we asked for commentary for the DFS Committee. He stated that this may have an impact on our licensees. We should reach out to our licensees and see what they want. Commissioner Cameron stated that we should reach out soon to gauge their thoughts and give them an opportunity to come before the Committee.

Catherine Blue requested to add the annual election of the secretary and treasurer to the March Commission meeting agenda.

John Ziemba stated that they are selecting dates in 2017 for the licensee quarterly reports.

Chairman Crosby suggested that another Commission meeting be scheduled in Everett and Springfield.

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

10:59 a.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Planning Notes, dated December 19, 2016

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary