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## Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** February 24, 2014 – 1:30 p.m.

**Place:** Boston Convention and Exhibition Center  
415 Summer Street, Room 104  
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.

1:30 p.m. Chairman Crosby opened the 109th public meeting.

### Administration

See transcript pages 2-27.

1:30 p.m. The Commission discussed its agreement with McFarland Johnson for consulting services relative to review of Category 1 RFA-2 applications and agreed to terminate its relationship with McFarland Johnson due to a possible conflict of interest and lack of compliance with the terms of the agreement.

1:39 p.m. *Motion made by Commissioner Cameron that the Commission accept the recommendation of the legal department to terminate the contract of McFarland Johnson. Motion seconded by Commissioner McHugh. The motion passed unanimously.*

1:41 p.m. The Commission considered the schedule for Region A surrounding community determinations and agreed to hold the public meeting to review petitions on March 20.

### **City of Boston Petition**

See transcript pages 27-60.

- 1:55 p.m. Ombudsman Ziemba presented the City of Boston's petition to extend the deadline for surrounding community determinations from February 18 to March 18.
- 2:03 p.m. Elizabeth Dello Russo, Gene O'Flaherty, Bill Kennedy, Tom Frongillo, and Ariel Raphael representing the City of Boston presented the city's two petitions for an emergency hearing. Jacqui Krum presented Wynn MA's position.
- 2:30 p.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

### **Legal Division**

See transcript pages 60-99.

- 2:35 p.m. General Counsel Blue presented a draft of the license award with conditions for the commission's review.

### **Eastern States Exposition – Impacted Live Entertainment Venue Petition**

See transcript pages 99-139.

- 3:15 p.m. Director Griffin and Lyle Hall presented the status of the Eastern States Exposition petition for ILEV designation with respect to Blue Tarp Redevelopment's proposed gaming establishment. Jed Nosal, representing Blue Tarp Redevelopment, and Mark Cress and Eugene Cassidy, representing Eastern States Exposition, responded to the Commission's questions.
- 4:02 p.m. *Motion made by Commissioner Zuniga that the Commission not designate the Eastern States Exposition as an ILEV based on information presented and the public discussion provided that MGM adheres to its 17 day blackout and without prejudice to the Eastern States Exposition's right to repetition the Commission in the event that it experiences a negative impact from the operation of an MGM controlled venue. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Cameron, McHugh, and Zuniga voting aye and Commissioners Crosby and Stebbins voting nay.*
- 4:05 p.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

### **Other Business**

See transcript pages 139-145.

- 4:10 p.m. Chairman Crosby opened discussion about the recent media report regarding the Commission's expenditures.
- 4:18 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

**List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission February 24, 2014 Notice of Meeting and Agenda
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Checklist for Issuance of Category 2 License
3. The City of Boston's Petition for an Emergency Hearing
4. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Draft License to Operate a Category 2 Gaming Establishment
5. Massachusetts Gaming Commission ILEV Petition Analysis for Eastern States Exposition

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