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## Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** March 22, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

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

**Present:**

Chairman Stephen P. Crosby	Jill Griffin
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald	Alexandra Lightbown
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Janice Reilly
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Mark Vander Linden
Bruce Band	Karen Wells
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Catherine Blue	
Paul Connelly	
Elaine Driscoll	
John Glennon	

**Absent:** Commissioner Gayle Cameron

### Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chairman Crosby called to order the 8<sup>th</sup> Agenda Setting meeting. Chairman Crosby noted that Commissioner Cameron is absent.

### Approval of Minutes

*Commissioner Macdonald moved to approve the minutes of the Agenda Setting meeting on March 8, 2017. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

### Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

*(Potential Commission Meeting on 3/30/17)*

Item #1 – Responsible Gaming Planning – Category 1 Facilities – Licensee Comments. Mark Vander Linden reported that this item is ready to go. He stated that the licensees will talk about their capacity to implement a play management system. He also stated that they will roll the GameSense location update, agenda Item #2, into this agenda item because it relates to responsible gaming. Chairman Crosby stated that we need to think about the GameSense design and space. Mr. Vander Linden stated that we need to also work on the GameSense space at Plainridge Park Casino to make it look less temporary. He also stated that we need to make the GameSense spaces welcoming to engage in more in-depth conversations.

Item #2 – GameSense Location at MGM - Update. See Item #1.

Item #3 – National Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Mark Vander Linden reported that Marlene Warner, from the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, will report on activities at Plainridge Park Casino.

Item #4 – Deeper Analysis of Baseline General Population Survey. Mark Vander Linden reported that this item is ready to go. He stated that the final version may be ready tomorrow. He also stated that the report will provide a clearer picture on problem gambling and it will assist with treatment and prevention.

Item #5 – Table Games Rules and Regulations Rollout - Continued. Karen Wells reported that this item is ready to go and we will roll out the final set of game rules.

Item #6 – Regulations Amendments: 136.08 and 143.02. Catherine Blue reported that this item is ready to go. She stated that these are small amendments that will be put out for informal public comment and no vote is required.

Paul Connelly reported that he has a small change to the administrative closure regulation. He stated that he will get a draft to Todd Grossman.

Item #7 – 2017 Racing Meet Update. Alexandra Lightbown reported that this item is ready to go.

Item #8 – Approval of Sale of Suffolk Downs Racing Facility: M.G.L. c. 128A, § 11c. Catherine Blue reported that this item is ready to go and it will require a vote. She stated that Chip Tuttle will be at the meeting. She also stated that she will conduct two by two meetings with the Commissioners on this matter.

***(Potential Commission Meeting on 4/13/17)***

Item #9 – MGC Quarterly Budget Review and Diversity Spend Update. Derek Lennon was not present. Janice Reilly reported that this item is ready to go.

Item #10 – PPC Audit and Compliance Committee Briefing. Commissioner Zuniga reported that this item is ready. He stated that the final audit will be sent to Plainridge Park casino.

Item #11 – License/Registration Forms. Karen Wells and Paul Connelly reported that this item is ready to go and it will require a vote.

Item #12 – 205 CMR 152: Individuals Excluded from a Gaming Establishment – Approval of Small Business Impact Statement and Final Draft. Karen Wells reported that this item is ready to go and it will require a vote.

Karen Wells reported that she can provide quarterly reports on licensing data.

Catherine Blue stated that she would like to add an agenda item for the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting – revised racing medication regulations. She stated that this item will require a vote to promulgate as an emergency regulation.

***(Potential Commission Meeting on 4/27/17)***

Item #13 – Approval of 2017 MGM Operations Workforce Development Plans. Jill Griffin reported that this item is ready to go and it will require a vote. She stated that this item is still out for public comment.

Item #14 – Review MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Janice Reilly reported that Edward Bedrosian wants to move this item to under review.

Item #15 – Review MGC Mission and Values. Janice Reilly reported for Edward Bedrosian that this item is on target for the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mark Vander Linden reported that they should have the award for the special population study by April 27<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Crosby requested an update on deliverables for the balance of the fiscal year and next year.

*(Under Review)*

Item #16 – Hearing Process Regulations Discussion. Catherine Blue reported that this item should remain under review. Karen Wells reported for Edward Bedrosian that he will do two by twos with the Commissioners.

Item #17 – Mitigation Fund Applications Review. John Ziemba reported that this item can go on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Item #18 – Non-Gaming Vendor Registration. Karen Wells reported to keep this item under review.

Item #19 – Service Employees Registration. Catherine Blue reported that briefing meetings are being held with the Commissioners on this item.

Item #20 – Licensee Diversity Numbers Review Process Discussion. Jill Griffin reported that she had a meeting with Wynn and a meeting with MGM will be scheduled in May.

Item #21 – Gaming Training Schools and Community College Update. Jill Griffin reported that we can shoot for May 25<sup>th</sup> for a Western MA presentation on this item and the others in early May.

Commissioner Stebbins reported that we can talk about the Gaming Economic Development Fund on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Crosby stated that the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in Springfield. He stated that we can schedule a tour and the Gaming Economic Development Fund hearing could be separate from our meeting.

Item #22 – Licensee Quarterly Reports. John Ziemba reported that there are some conflicts on May 11<sup>th</sup> and he is not sure if the Commission wants all three quarterly reports on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Crosby stated that we could do the MGM report on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Jill Griffin stated that Wynn is interested in highlighting their new diversity program at the quarterly report meeting. The staff discussed a potential Commission meeting on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Item #23 – Responsible Gaming Framework Review. Mark Vander Linden reported that he will schedule two by twos with the Commissioners. He stated that we should not put this on the agenda until we receive a final draft, maybe in June.

Item #24 – LMS Update. Paul Connelly reported that they will provide an update after the LMS (Licensing Management System) has gone live at the end of May.

Item #25 – 5 Year Look Back. Commissioner Zuniga reported that the first meeting is scheduled for next week.

Item #26 – Gaming Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Stebbins stated that he is enlisting help for the report/White Paper.

Item #27 – Slot Machine Lease Agreements with Revenue Share. Karen Wells reported that this item should remain under review. She asked if the Commissioners wanted a one page memo on this matter. Bruce Band stated that we will eventually need to give them an answer. Commissioner Zuniga noted that Commissioner Cameron requested a short memo. Chairman Crosby stated that we can put this matter on the agenda after the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Item #28 – Licensee Outside Director Background Checks. Chairman Crosby requested that the IEB (Investigations and Enforcement Bureau) look into this matter. Karen Wells reported that Michael and Carroll did a review and that this is a policy decision for the Commissioners. Chairman Crosby stated that if Karen Wells has a chart we can put this matter on the Commission meeting agenda and start the discussion. Chairman Crosby stated that this matter came up because a Penn National executive requested that the Commission ease off background checks because it's hard to get outside directors. Karen Wells stated that our regulations require background checks on all outside directors but some jurisdictions have discretion.

Jill Griffin requested to add the VBE (Veteran Business Enterprise) certification matter to the pending agenda list for the Commission to consider. She stated that the State has a VBE recognition program that they would like the Commission to use instead of our own recognition process. She stated that our licensees may want to weigh in on this matter.

### **Other Business**

10:39 a.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

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

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated March 22, 2017
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated March 20, 2017
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Setting Draft Meeting Minutes, dated March 8, 2017

/s/ Catherine Blue  
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary