



Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: March 8, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Present:

Chairman Stephen P. Crosby	John Glennon
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Jill Griffin
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald	Derek Lennon
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Alexandra Lightbown
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Loretta Lillios
Bruce Band	Joan Matsumoto
Trupti Banda	Janice Reilly
Catherine Blue	Mark Vander Linden
Paul Connelly	Karen Wells
Elaine Driscoll	John Ziemba

Call to Order

10:30 a.m. Chairman Crosby called to order the 7th Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Macdonald moved to approve the minutes of the Agenda Setting meeting on February 22, 2017. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Potential Commission Meeting on 3/16/17)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Chairman Crosby stated to leave this item on.

Item #2 – Responsible Gaming Planning – Category 1 Facilities – Licensee Comments. Mark Vander Linden stated that we need to check in with our licensees to get information. He stated that he doesn't have an update regarding the GameSense space at MGM but believes that Ed (Bedrosian) may have had a conversation with Mike Mathis. He will follow up on this. He also stated to keep this item moving forward.

Chairman Crosby stated that there was an article in the LA Times which noted that the Gaming Commission introduced GameSense to MGM.

Item #3 – Hearing Process Regulations Discussion. Karen Wells reported that she will have a short memo for the Commissioners on this item.

Item #4 – MGC Officer Elections. Catherine Blue reported that this item is going forward.

Item #5 – Table Games Rules and Regulations Rollout - Continued. Bruce Band reported that this item is ready. He also reported that another set of games will be in the packet.

Item #6 – Gaming Equipment Regulations Rollout - Continued. Bruce Band reported that this item is ready.

Alex Lightbown reported that she has additional agenda items for March 16th which include standard racing operating procedure matters that will require a vote. Commissioner Zuniga inquired when the opening day was for racing. Ms. Lightbown responded that opening day is April 10th. Commissioner Zuniga inquired if there will be a racing update. Ms. Lightbown stated that she will provide an update on March 30th.

Mark Vander Linden and John Glennon discussed item #2 and stated that they will reach out to the licensees. Chairman Crosby stated that we need to know what the licensees need for lead time.

(Potential Commission Meeting on 3/30/17)

Item #7 – National Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Mark Vander Linden stated that this item is ready to go. He requested that Teresa Fiore be added to this item. He also stated that they will highlight GameSense activities and maybe collaboration efforts with Plainridge Park Casino.

Item #8 – Deeper Analysis of Baseline Study. Mark Vander Linden reported that this item is ready to go. He stated that this is a deeper analysis of the general population survey to closely examine populations at risk for gambling behavior. He stated that it will help us inform treatment strategies. He also requested to add Rachel Volberg to the agenda item.

Item #9 – Table Game Rules and Regulations Rollout Continued. Bruce Band reported that the remainder of the table games will be presented.

Item #10 – Regulations Amendments: 136.08 and 143.02. Catherine Blue reported that this item will be ready to go. She stated that they are small amendments, it will be the first step in the promulgation process, and no vote is required.

(Potential Commission Meeting on 4/13/17)

Item #11 – Approval of 2017 MGM Operations Workforce Development Plans. Jill Griffin reported that there may be a conflict because the Girls in Trades conference is also on the 13th. She requested that this agenda item be pushed out to the following Commission meeting on April 27th.

Item #12 – MGC Quarterly Budget Review. Derek Lennon reported that this item will be ready to go. He also requested to add Agnes Beaulieu to this agenda item as she will provide an update on diversity spend.

Item #13 – PPC Audit and Compliance Committee Briefing. Commissioner Zuniga reported that this item should be on track. Derek Lennon suggested calling this item the Compliance Committee Briefing.

Loretta Lillios requested to add the exclusion list regulation (205 CMR 152) as an agenda item for the April 13th meeting. She stated a vote is needed for approval of the amended small business impact statement and final draft.

(Potential Commission Meeting on 4/27/17)

Item #14 – Review MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Catherine Blue reported that this item is good to go.

Item #15 – Review MGC Mission and Values. Chairman Crosby reported that he and Ed (Bedrosian) are working on this item.

(Under Review)

Item #16 – GameSense Location at MGM - Update. Mark Vander Linden reported that this item can be rolled into item #2.

Item #17 – License/Registration Forms. Karen Wells reported that the forms have been reviewed. Paul Connelly reported that they are doing a feasibility scrub and that maybe April 13th will be a good date. Karen Wells inquired if the Commission wanted them all at once. Chairman Crosby stated that we could do them all because we don't have much on the agenda. There was a discussion around types of forms, paper forms, data collected, and status of LMS (Licensing Management System).

Item #18 – Non-Gaming Vendor Registration and Item #19 – Service Employees Registration. Karen Wells reported that she will follow up with Ed Bedrosian on these items.

Item #20 – 205 CMR 152: Exclusion List Regulations – FINAL. Loretta Lillios moved this agenda item to April 13th.

Item #21 – Licensee Diversity Numbers Review. Jill Griffin reported that she has a meeting scheduled with Wynn and MGM and she should know more soon. She stated that we will review their data and records. She also stated that we will brief the Commission on their process. She stated maybe this item will be ready in May.

Item #22 – Gaming Training Schools and Community College Update. Jill Griffin reported that this item can take place on May 11th.

Item #23 – Licensee Quarterly Reports. John Ziemba reported that the Commission may want to split the reports up in May. He stated that 3 quarterly reports in one day may be a lot. He stated that he will work on adjusting this schedule.

Item #24 – Responsible Gaming Framework Review. Mark Vander Linden reported that this item could come before the Commission in May, he has meetings with stakeholders in April.

Item #25 – LMS Update. This item is a duplicate.

Item #26 – 5 Year Look Back. Commissioner Zuniga reported that he thinks it will be a good idea to do a timeline, summary, lookback of the Commission for the last five years. He stated it could be a video and we have a lot of data and records. Trupti Banda stated that it could be unveiled at the staff meeting on June 15th. Commissioner Zuniga would like to recruit a small group to work on this timeline and share information. Chairman Crosby stated that he would like

to volunteer for the group and he suggested Elaine and Mike. Alex, Janice, and Commissioner Stebbins volunteered for the group. Chairman Crosby stated that we may want to note at the Commission meeting on April 13th that it is the Commission's 5th anniversary.

Item #27 – Gaming Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Bruce Stebbins stated that he met with legislators regarding the Gaming Economic Development Fund. He also stated that we are hoping to have a public comment period, conduct hearings in Springfield and Everett to gather feedback from stakeholders, and develop a White Paper with recommendations for the legislature. He stated that we haven't found another jurisdiction that thinks about next steps after a casino is built. He cited the purchase of a hockey team by business leaders in Springfield. He stated that the Fund could be used to fuel initiatives near a casino. Chairman Crosby stated that if anyone has ideas to submit them to Bruce. Commissioner Stebbins also noted that some communities were left without a casino and this may be a way to get them some economic relief. Chairman Crosby noted the success of the DFS White Paper.

Other Business

Karen Wells stated that Bruce Band received a call from Robert DeSalvio at Wynn regarding leasing machines with shared revenue. Bruce Band stated that this is done in most jurisdictions. Karen Wells stated that she is not sure if we need a regulation. Loretta Lillios stated that maybe we could have an internal policy. Derek Lennon stated that this is a way of paying for the product and it doesn't impact gaming revenue. Loretta Lillios expressed concern that if there is an additional owner in the game would they be subject to a background check. Karen Wells stated that she has an analysis from Michael & Carroll on a jurisdictional review of outside directors. She inquired if it was reasonable for us to rethink this group.

Chairman Crosby stated that there should always be an "other" category on the agenda.

Jill Griffin inquired about the next meeting in Springfield because she wants to recognize subcontractors for their diversity work. Chairman Crosby stated to schedule a meeting in Springfield for May 25th.

11:24 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 8, 2017
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated March 6, 2017
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Setting Draft Meeting Minutes, dated February 22, 2017

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary