



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 12, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: MassMutual Center
1277 Main Street, Rooms 1 & 2
Springfield, MA

Present: Chairman Stephen P. Crosby
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

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Commission meeting video**

Call to Order

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[10:01 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby called to order the 191st Commission meeting.

Approval of Minutes

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[10:01 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Macdonald moved for the approval of the April 25, 2016 Commission meeting minutes subject to any corrections, typographical errors, or other nonmaterial matters, and as amended to delete the reference at 1:42 p.m., to the word minimum as it relates to the standard that MEPA would require. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

[10:05 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby inquired about the process to make a transcript correction.

[10:05 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Macdonald moved for the approval of the April 28, 2016 Commission meeting minutes subject to any corrections, typographical errors, or other nonmaterial matters. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development

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[10:05 a.m.](#) Director Jill Griffin provided an update on the diversity goal and business technical assistance grant program. The Commission requested grant applications for funding consideration to optimize the outcomes for casino diversity contracting goals. She noted that the Commission will award \$100,000 in grants and six recipients were selected statewide through a competitive process. The recipients and award amounts are as follows: the Springfield Regional Chamber will receive \$10,000; the Association of Black Business Professionals of Springfield will receive \$20,000; the Hispanic American Institute will receive \$15,000; the Center for Women and Enterprise will receive \$15,000; the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council will receive \$20,000; and the Supplier Diversity Office of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will receive \$20,000.

[10:12 a.m.](#) Robert Jones, representing the Association of Black Business Professionals of Springfield, and Richard Griffin, Jr., representing the Springfield Office of Planning and Economic Development, presented on bringing the Interise program to Springfield. They stated that Interise is all over the country, they focus on economically struggling communities, and they assist established, small and minority businesses with operations, connections to anchor institutions, and job growth. They reported that they are looking to work with approximately 15 businesses in their first cohort.

Ombudsman Report

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[10:27 a.m.](#) Ombudsman John Ziemba requested to reverse the order of the agenda and take up the MGM design update before the MGM quarterly report.

[10:29 a.m.](#) Attorney Jed Nosal, representing MGM Springfield, provided an overview of the design changes and approval process. He asked the Commission to approve the final design and site plan as approved by the Springfield City Council.

[10:30 a.m.](#) Mike Mathis, President of MGM Springfield, commended the Commission on the diversity grants and thoughtful deliberation process in Region C. He presented on the major elements of the project which included the following: \$950 million development project, \$1 billion to the City of Springfield over the term of the license, 2000 construction workers, 3000 operational jobs, local and regional spend, overview of site plans, residential program, Union and Main Street area, and daycare facility update.

[10:58 a.m.](#) Seth Stratton, Vice President and General Counsel of MGM Springfield, presented on abutter concerns and resolutions and the host community agreement amendment.

[11:20 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the site plan and project design as submitted and represented to us today and submitted in many iterations and approved to by the City of Springfield on February 22, 2016, including any conditions therein, provided however that the Commission approval does not include any matters pertaining to the childcare center, the retail space proposed at the corner of Main Street and Union Street, and the configuration and location of*

any proposed residential units required as part of the MGM license and the host community agreement; and provided further that the Commission approval shall not be construed to amend or supersede any obligations required of MGM pursuant to the Section 61 Findings and the Mass. Historical memorandum of agreement relating to the project. Commissioner Zuniga further moved that the Commission delegate to staff the review and approval of construction design plans as they are completed and prepared for use in the construction of the project; provided further that if such construction design plans contain any material change from the site plan and project design approved here today, staff will submit such plans to the Commission for its review and approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed unanimously.

11:22 a.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

11:34 a.m. The meeting resumed.

[11:34 a.m.](#) Brian Packer, Vice President of Construction and Development, presented on the MGM Springfield first quarter report and overall site progress which included securing the site, building salvage, demolition, recycling, removing utilities, and garage site preparation. He announced that MGM awarded the garage design and build to Tishman Construction. Eric Nelson from Tishman Construction, and Dave Fontaine, Jr. from Fontaine Brothers, provided a summary of their professional backgrounds and noted their partnership on the MGM Springfield construction project. Brian Packer continued his quarterly report presentation on the project schedule and the diversity design and construction update. Seth Stratton presented on costs incurred to date (over \$200 million) and estimates. Mike Mathis reported on the church relocation [[video shown](#)].

12:00 p.m. The Commission recessed for lunch.

12:49 p.m. The meeting resumed.

Administrative Update

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[12:49 p.m.](#) Chairman Crosby stated that the agenda order will be switched from item #5 (Research and Responsible Gaming) to item #6 (Administrative Update).

[12:50 p.m.](#) CFAO Derek Lennon presented on the Commission's third quarter budget (FY16) which included revenue and spending estimates, revenue reductions, potential spending decreases, indirect costs, tribal assessment status, spending charts, adjustment recommendations, and expense budget by division. Agnes Beaulieu, Finance and Budget Office Manager, presented on the supplier diversity benchmarks and noted that they reached and surpassed benchmarks for small businesses. She stated that they will continue to work towards meeting benchmarks for minority and women-owned businesses. She also stated that she is working with Director Jill Griffin to identify new businesses. Mr. Lennon described potential options to meet targets.

Research and Responsible Gaming

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- [1:14 p.m.](#) Director Mark Vander Linden provided an update on Play My Way, which is a play management tool expected to launch at the end of the month at Plainridge Park Casino. He provided a summary of the following Play My Way screens that will show up on a slot machine: introduction, enrollment, terms and conditions, budget setting, reward credit, reminder notifications as patron approaches set budget, adjust budget, un-enrollment feature, and GamseSense icon with responsible gaming information. He credited Mike Sangalang for the icon animation. Director Vander Linden also reported on the Play My Way timeline which included content revisions, user acceptance testing, trainings, and live launch on June 1st.
- [1:51 p.m.](#) Elaine Driscoll, Director of Communications, reported on the Play My Way promotional collateral. She also noted her work with Plainridge Park Casino on a strategic timeline to rollout the campaign and maximize the customer experience.
- [1:59 p.m.](#) Director Vander Linden provided an update on the FY17 gaming research agenda and noted that the Public Health Trust Fund Committee adopted the gaming research agenda in April. The gaming research agenda includes continuation of the cornerstone projects – SEIGMA (Social and Economic Impacts of Gaming in Massachusetts) and MAGIC (Massachusetts Gaming Impact Cohort), evaluation of responsible gaming initiatives (Play My Way, GameSense Information Center and Voluntary Self-Exclusion), continuation of the public safety impact study, collection and anonymization of player data, and identification of a priority subgroup where more information is needed. He noted that they will reach out to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee for their advice on the gaming research agenda.
- 2:14 p.m. The Commission took a brief recess.
- 2:24 p.m. The meeting resumed.

Racing Division

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- [2:24 p.m.](#) General Counsel Catherine Blue presented on the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and final draft of 205 CMR 149 – Race Horse Development Fund. She noted that this regulation has been before the Commission, a public hearing was held, and public comments were received.
- [2:29 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and final amendments to 205 CMR 149 as included in the packet, and authorize staff to file the amended regulation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and complete the regulation promulgation process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed unanimously.*
- [2:30 p.m.](#) Dr. Alexander Lightbown, Director of Racing, noted that Presiding Judge Tony Salnero will be leaving Plainridge Racecourse. She reported that Plainridge is requesting approval of the following racing officials: Annmarie Mancini as Presiding Judge, and Catherine Breedlove as Clerk of Course/Chart Writer.

[2:31 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve Annmarie Mancini as the Presiding Judge, and approve Catherine Breedlove as Clerk of Course/Chart Writer pending her satisfactory completion of licensure by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's Racing Division and satisfactory completion of her background check by the Massachusetts State Police. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed unanimously.*

[2:32 p.m.](#) Director Lightbown presented on a request by Plainridge to offer ten cent wagers. She stated that this wager was approved by the State Racing Commission for Suffolk Downs in 2007.

[2:39 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the request of Plainridge Park Casino to offer minimum ten cent wagers on certain exotic wagers. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed unanimously.*

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

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[2:40 p.m.](#) *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cameron. 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 May 12, 2016
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Meeting Minutes dated April 25, 2016, with attached Motion/Vote to adopt the Wynn Section 61 Findings
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Meeting Minutes dated April 28, 2016
4. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Diversity Goal and Business Technical Assistance Grants
5. MGM Springfield Final Design Update and 1st Quarter 2016 Report, dated May 12, 2016
6. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Play My Way Development Update, dated May 12, 2016
7. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated May 12, 2016, regarding FY 2017 Annual Gaming Research Agenda
8. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated May 12, 2016, regarding FY2016 Third Budget Update, with attachments
9. 205 CMR 149 – Race Horse Development Fund
10. 205 CMR 149 – Amended Small Business Impact Statement
11. 205 CMR 149 – Public Comments
12. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated May 9, 2016, regarding Plainridge Racing Officials, with attachments
13. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated May 9, 2016, regarding Plainridge Request for Ten Cent Minimum Wagers, with attachments

/s/ Catherine Blue
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