



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 17, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Present:

Chairman Stephen P. Crosby	John Glennon
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald	Jill Griffin
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Alexandra Lightbown
Bruce Band	Janice Reilly
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Edward Bedrosian, Jr.	Karen Wells
Catherine Blue	John Ziemba
Elaine Driscoll	

Absent: Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Call to Order

10:02 a.m. Chairman Crosby called to order the 12th Agenda Setting meeting. Chairman Crosby noted the absence of Commissioners Cameron and Stebbins.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Macdonald moved for the approval of the May 3, 2017, Agenda Setting meeting minutes subject to any corrections, typographical errors, or other nonmaterial matters. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Potential Commission Meeting on 5/25/17)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Executive Director Edward Bedrosian stated that he will have something to report.

Janice Reilly reported that the Commissioners will take a tour of the MGM Springfield site at 10:00 a.m. and the Commission meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. She will work on the timing of the agenda.

Item #2 – Holyoke Community College and Springfield Technical Community College Updates. Jill Griffin reported that the presidents from the community colleges will present an update on the gaming school. She stated that the presentation will take about 30 minutes.

Item #3 – Veteran Recognition. Jill Griffin requested to take this item off the agenda. She stated that this item may be ready in the fall.

Item #4 – Workforce Development Mitigation Fund Grants. John Ziembra reported that he will be ready but this item doesn't have to go for this meeting if the schedule is too tight. He suggested having a Commission meeting just for the mitigation funds. Catherine Blue stated that there are 22 applications.

Item #5 – Approval of 2017 MGM Operations Workforce Development Plans. Jill Griffin reported that this item will take about 30 minutes and it will require a vote.

Item #6 – MGM Quarterly Report. Janice Reilly reported that this item will take about an hour.

Item #7 – Gaming Service Employee Registration Review Continued. Edward Bedrosian stated that he is talking to MGM. He also stated that there will be a representative panel and this matter should take about an hour.

Item #8 – Gaming Economic Development Fund Introduction. Jill Griffin reported that this matter should take about 10-15 minutes. She stated that Commissioner Stebbins will schedule a public meeting in September.

Item #9 – Slot Machine Lease Agreements with Revenue Share. Edward Bedrosian stated that this matter can be moved to June 8th. Janice Reilly suggested moving it to June 22nd.

Additional items:

Edward Bedrosian suggested having a legislative update on the Race Horse Development Fund. Chairman Crosby stated that the Fund is being targeted for other uses. There was a discussion by staff on seeking public comments and stating a position.

Chairman Crosby suggested taking out the Workforce Mitigation agenda item due to time constraints.

(Potential Commission Meeting on 6/8/17)

Item #10 – Mitigation Fund Request: City of Medford. John Ziembra reported that this item is ready to go.

Item #11 – 2016 Plainridge Park Casino Audit Results. Edward Bedrosian reported that this item is ready to go.

Item #12 – Outside Director Investigation Proposed Regulation Change. Catherine Blue reported that this item is ready to go. She stated that Todd Grossman is working on this item.

Item #13 – Remaining Mitigation Fund Applications Review. John Ziembra reported that this item will take about three hours and he suggested having a special meeting.

Item #14 – MGC FY18 Budge Review. Edward Bedrosian reported to keep this item on.

Item #15 – Hearing Process Regulations Discussion. Edward Bedrosian requested to hold this item. Catherine Blue reported that this will be the first review for the Commission and no vote is required.

Item #16 – Licensee Diversity Audit Update. Jill Griffin requested to move this item to June 22nd.

Item #17 – Racing Medication Emergency Regulations. Alexandra Lightbown reported that this item should be ready.

Item #18 – Veteran Business Enterprise Certification. Jill Griffin stated that this item can be kept on for June 8th.

Item #19 – Diversity Metrics Update. Jill Griffin requested to change this item name to – Portuguese Business Enterprise update.

Item #20 – Workforce Development Grants Determinations. See item #4 on 5/25. These recommendations will be brought to the Commission on June 8 or as part of a special meeting on the Community Mitigation Fund grants.

Item #21 – Special Population Studies Request for Proposal Results. Mark Vander Linden reported that this item is all set. He requested to put this item on the agenda early as folks will be coming in. He also stated that this item will not require a vote.

Item #22 – Review MGC Mission and Values Continued. Edward Bedrosian requested to move this item to June 22nd.

Item #23 – Construction Trades Diversity Recruitment Initiative. Jill Griffin requested to move this item out. She stated she will report back and confirm a date.

Item #24 – 2016 Plainridge Park Casino Audit Results. Edward Bedrosian stated that this item is ready to go. See item #11.

Chairman Crosby stated that we will not do the Community Mitigation Fund item on June 8th. He suggested doing a special meeting on June 14th after the Agenda Setting meeting.

(Potential Commission Meeting on 6/22/17)

Item #25 – Department of Public Health Budget Update. Mark Vander Linden reported this this item is still on. He stated that Victor Ortiz will provide an update on the department's initiatives.

(Under Review)

Item #26 – Review MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Edward Bedrosian reported to keep this item under review. There is no date for this item.

Item #27 – Responsible Gaming Framework Review. Mark Vander Linden reported that there is no date for this item.

Item #28 – LMS Update. Chairman Crosby stated to keep this item on.

Item #29 – 5 year Look Back. Commissioner Zuniga stated to keep this item under review.

Item #30 – Gaming Economic Development Fund Continued. Jill Griffin reported that this item will be scheduled in the fall.

Item #31 – Analysis of Authority to Issue Fines. Edward Bedrosian reported that this item may be ready to go in July.

Item #32 – Licensee Quarterly Reports. John Ziembra reported to keep this item under review.

Item #33 – Licensing Quarterly Report. Karen Wells reported that this item will be ready in July.

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

10:40 a.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed 3 to 0.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated May 17, 2017
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes, dated May 3, 2017
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated May 15, 2017

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary