



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 26, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Present: Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

Absent: Chairman Stephen P. Crosby

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Commission meeting video**

Call to Order

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[10:01 a.m.](#) Commissioner Zuniga called to order the 192nd Commission meeting. He noted that Chairman Crosby is at a conference and Commissioner Stebbins is en route to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

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[10:02 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Macdonald moved for the approval of the 188th Commission Meeting minutes, April 26-28, 2016, subject to any corrections, typographical errors, or other nonmaterial matters. Motion amended to include change at 10:11 a.m. on April 26th that Director Karen Wells brought to the Commission's attention Rush Street Gaming's pending casino infractions. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

Ombudsman Report

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[10:03 a.m.](#) Ombudsman John Ziemba stated that the quarterly reports presented today by Wynn Boston Harbor and Plainridge Park Casino are for the first quarter that ended on March 31, 2016. He stated that they are working with the licensees to create a

regular reporting schedule. President Robert DeSalvio, of Wynn Boston Harbor, thanked the Commission and staff for the work that went into the Section 61 Findings. Chris Gordon, President of Wynn Design and Development Massachusetts, presented on the quarterly report which included the following: permitting (local, state and federal), site remediation, design plans, Wynn Boston Harbor model, off-site infrastructure, Sullivan Square, and project schedule.

10:16 a.m. Commissioner Stebbins entered the meeting.

[10:18 a.m.](#) Mr. DeSalvio presented on project resources and diversity which included minority and women goal data. He also highlighted community events which included: Dr. Martin Luther King scholarship breakfast in Everett, Chinatown Main Street gala, Massachusetts Girls in Trades career day, Hispanic American Institute meeting, unveiling of models by Mr. Wynn, meeting with Charlestown residents regarding the lighting plan, Lasell College career day, Everett United meeting, cable access show, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce event. A video was shown of a drone view of the property.

[10:39 a.m.](#) Vice President/General Manager Lance George, of Plainridge Park Casino, presented on the quarterly report which included the following: employment demographics (diversity and in state hiring, promotions, internal transfers and turnover), procurement (spend in Massachusetts and other states, local spend, and vendor diversity spend), revenue, taxes, compliance with regulations, lottery collaboration, company overview, events and promotions (Relay for Life charitable event, sponsor of Fenway concert series, and horse racing), and capital improvement projects (video tote board, paddock and barn). He also noted that they are working on the one year anniversary celebrations for employees and customers.

Administrative Update

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[10:58 a.m.](#) Executive Director Edward Bedrosian, Jr. provided a brief update and stated that he is working with CFAO Derek Lennon on the FY17 budget and will be back before the Commission with a draft budget for consideration.

Racing Division

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[11:00 a.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Racing, provided an update on thoroughbred racing which included the following: Suffolk and Brockton have submitted purse agreements, Suffolk has put in a request for the Race Horse Development Fund, applications for racing officials are moving forward, there is legislation pending to move 30 days of racing for Middleborough, and they are working on their track and completing their application.

[11:03 a.m.](#) Douglas O'Donnell, Senior Financial Analyst, provided an update on the handles at Plainridge Park Casino, Suffolk Downs, Raynham and Wonderland.

[11:08 a.m.](#) General Counsel Catherine Blue presented on a new section to 205 CMR 6.00 (Pentafecta Pools), and noted that it is a type of wager. She asked the Commission

to vote to approve the amendment on an emergency basis and to start the promulgation process.

[11:08 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the Pentafecta Pools as outlined in the packet. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed unanimously.*

[11:10 a.m.](#) Director Lightbown presented on the annual racing report and noted the following highlights: office moves, orientation process streamlined for seasonal employees, credit card payment option offered for license fees, two and three year licenses offered, new fingerprinting process was introduced, blood gas testing under Commission control, Lasix program went smoothly, and Judges and Stewards did a great job with enforcing the regulations. Commissioner Cameron commended Dr. Lightbown for her leadership and noted that staff morale is tremendous. She also stated that the racing building and signage look professional.

[11:16 a.m.](#) Mr. O'Donnell presented on the annual racing report and provided an overview of the following: number of racing days, purses, Race Horse Development Fund distribution, racing division financials, handle comparison, import simulcasting, purse analysis, and financials for Suffolk, Plainridge, Raynham and Wonderland. Commissioner Cameron commented on the quality of the report. Mr. O'Donnell thanked Mike Sangalang for his assistance with the report.

[11:41 a.m.](#) Mr. O'Donnell reported on Suffolk Down's request for reimbursement (\$64,417.78) from the promotional trust fund. He noted that he has copies of all the paid invoices.

[11:43 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the request for reimbursement from Suffolk Downs promotional trust fund for the total of \$64,417.78 to closeout project SPT2010-01. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

Legal Division

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[11:44 a.m.](#) General Counsel Blue reported on the draft decision for Region C. She stated that no action is required today; it is an opportunity for the Commission to review the draft decision and provide comments. She stated she will bring it back before the Commission in a few weeks for final review and approval. She also noted that the Region C decision was effective as of the date of the vote and this document will be a written decision to post.

[11:45 a.m.](#) Chief Information Officer John Glennon reported on proposed amendments to the slot machine regulations to bring them in line with standard practices and streamline operations. General Counsel Blue suggested posting the draft regulations on the website for informal comment.

Investigations and Enforcement Bureau

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11:50 a.m. Director Karen Wells reported on a key gaming employee executive application for licensure submitted by Andrew Plante. She stated that Mr. Plante was hired by Plainridge Park Casino on a temporary license as the director of security. She also reported that a background check was conducted, the IEB found Mr. Plante suitable for approval as a key gaming executive employee, and recommended Mr. Plante for licensure.

11:57 a.m. *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve Mr. Andrew Plante for licensure as a key gaming employee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed unanimously.*

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

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11:57 a.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cameron. Motion seconded by Commissioner Macdonald. Motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated May 26, 2016
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Meeting Minutes dated April 26-28, 2016
3. Wynn Boston Harbor Quarterly Report as of March 31, 2016
4. Plainridge Park Casino Report to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Q1 2016
5. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Third Annual Report of the Division of Racing, for year ending December 31, 2015
6. 205 CMR 6.46 – Pentafecta Pools, Draft Amendment
7. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Decision Denying a License to Operate a Category 1 Gaming Establishment in Region C
8. Draft Slot Machine Amendments - 205 CMR 138.63, 205 CMR 144.01, and 205 CMR 145.01

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary