



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 31, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Present:

Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald	John Glennon
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Jill Griffin
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Derek Lennon
Bruce Band	Alexandra Lightbown
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Edward Bedrosian, Jr.	Janice Reilly
Catherine Blue	Mark Vander Linden
Paul Connelly	Karen Wells
Elaine Driscoll	John Ziemba

Absent: Chairman Stephen P. Crosby
Commissioner Gayle Cameron

Call to Order

10:02 a.m. In the absence of Chairman Crosby, Commissioner Macdonald called to order the 13th Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Stebbins was absent from the last agenda setting meeting. There is a quorum for this meeting but there is not a quorum for the approval of the minutes for May 17th. General Counsel Catherine Blue stated that the approval of the minutes for May 17th should be deferred until the next meeting when there is a quorum.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Potential Commission Meeting on 6/8/17)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Executive Director Edward Bedrosian, Jr. requested to leave this item on, he will have something to report.

Item #2 – Slot Machine Lease Agreements with Revenue Share. Executive Director Bedrosian stated that he may move this item to June 22nd, he needs to clarify a question with our licensee.

Item #3 – 2016 Plainridge Park Casino Audit Results. CFAO Derek Lennon reported that this item will be ready. Executive Director Bedrosian stated that agenda items #3 and #11 are duplicates.

Item #4 – Outside Director Investigation Proposed Regulation Change. Executive Director Bedrosian stated that more internal work needs to be done and to put this item on the agenda for June 22nd.

Item #5 – MGC FY18 Budget Review. Executive Director Bedrosian requested to keep this item on.

Item #6 – Racing Medication Emergency Regulations. Director Alexandra Lightbown reported that this item is ready to go. General Counsel Blue reported that they will conduct two by two's with the Commissioners to discuss changes.

Item #7 – Veteran Business Enterprise Certification. Director Jill Griffin reported that this item is all set. She stated that the Supplier Diversity Office will present on the Veteran Business Certification. She also stated that she would like to present on the definition for Veteran Business Enterprise. She stated that no vote will be required.

Item #8 – Service Employee Registration Continued Review. Executive Director Bedrosian requested to keep this item on. Commissioner Zuniga requested a summary or bullet points. General Counsel Blue stated that this matter will not require a vote.

Item #9 – Portuguese Business Enterprise Update. Director Griffin reported that this item is ready to go. She stated that she will provide an update on the lawsuit and its impact on our licensees. She stated that no action is required by the Commission.

Item #10 – Special Population Studies Request for Proposal Results. Director Mark Vander Linden reported that this item is ready to go. He stated that there will be three presentations by the awardees. He suggested changing the title to – Special Population Study Contract Awardees Presentation.

Item #11 – 2016 Plainridge Park Casino Audit Results. See item #3.

Additional items:

Director Lightbown requested to add the requests of Suffolk Downs for the Race Horse Development Fund, approval of racing officials, and change to the takeout.

General Counsel Blue requested to add the discussion of the Gaming Economic Fund.

(Potential Commission Meeting on 6/14/17)

Item #12 – Mitigation Fund Applications Review. Ombudsman John Ziemba reported that all materials have been received. He explained the review process. He stated that they will meet with the Commissioners in advance of the meeting. He noted that this could take approximately 3-4 hours and if they do not conclude this item, they will continue it to another meeting. Janice Reilly reported that this meeting will be live-streamed like a regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Zuniga suggested a different format – presentations on one date with a vote on

another date. CFAO Lennon requested that the Commissioners review the Fund Guidelines before the meeting. Ombudsman Ziemba stated that they will do all grant presentations on June 14th. Commissioner Zuniga suggested listing a vote for an option.

(Potential Commission Meeting on 6/22/17)

Item #13 – Department of Public Health Update. Director Vander Linden stated that he spoke to Victor Ortiz and he requested to move this item to July.

Commissioner Macdonald inquired about the July meeting dates. Executive Director Bedrosian stated that we will discuss the Commission meeting summer schedule at the next Agenda Setting meeting.

Item #14 – Licensee Diversity Audit Update. Director Griffin stated that she has a few more things to work out but that this item should be ready.

Item #15 – Review MGC Mission and Values Continued. Executive Director Bedrosian requested to keep this item on for now but it may be moved out.

Item #16 – Construction Trades Diversity Recruitment Initiative. Director Griffin requested to keep this item on. She stated that this is an introduction of the grant recipients. She would like to try and get the Eastern and Western Mass representatives together at the same meeting.

Item #17 – Vendor Diversity Exemption Process. Director Griffin reported that a formal process will be presented. She requested to hold this date.

Additional items:

CFAO Lennon requested to add the budget vote.

Director Vander Linden requested to add the PlayMyWay one year report.

Director Paul Connelly requested to add a request for acceptance of a gift from a vendor (signed baseball bat). CFAO Lennon reported that this is a minority Veteran vendor that we may be able to use. Director Griffin requested to have the vendor present at the meeting.

(Under Review)

Item #18 – Hearing Process Regulations Discussion. Executive Director Bedrosian reported that we should be ready this summer on this item.

Item #19 – Review MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Executive Director Bedrosian reported that we should be ready this summer on this item.

Executive Director Bedrosian suggested acknowledging the second anniversary for Plainridge Park Casino. Commissioner Zuniga suggested further discussion with staff.

Item #20 – Responsible Gaming Framework Review. Director Vander Linden requested to keep this item under review. He explained the framework process and stated that work still needs to be done.

Item #21 – LMS Update. Director Connelly requested to keep this item under review. This will be a summer item.

Item #22 – 5 Year Look Back. Commissioner Zuniga requested to keep this item under review. This will be a summer item.

Item #23 – Gaming Economic Development Fund Continued/Hearings. This is a duplicate. See additional items under 6/8/17.

Item #24 – Analysis of Authority to Issue Fines. General Counsel Blue reported that this item should be ready for a meeting in July.

Item #25 – Licensee Quarterly Reports. Ombudsman Ziemba reported that this item should be ready for a meeting in August.

Item #26 – Licensing Quarterly Reports. Director Connelly reported that this item should be ready for the first meeting in July.

Additional items:

Director Griffin requested to add the MGM Workforce Development Plan update for a meeting in August.

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 Stebbins. Motion passed 3 to 0.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated May 31, 2017
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes, dated May 17, 2017
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated May 26, 2017

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary