



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 6, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

Place: Boston Convention and Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street Room 104B
Boston, Massachusetts

Present: Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner James F. McHugh
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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10:30 a.m. Commissioner McHugh called to order the 151st Commission Meeting. Commissioner McHugh noted Chairman Crosby's absence and provided an overview of the applicant's suitability history and current suitability process.

Investigations and Enforcement Division

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10:35 a.m. IEB Chief Enforcement Counsel/Deputy Director Loretta Lillios recognized the IEB team members that worked on the suitability report, which included: State Police, Financial Investigators, HLT Advisory, and Director Wells. Deputy Director Lillios acknowledged applicant representatives Attorney John Donnelly, Attorney Paul Seeman, Attorney Michael Morizio, and George and Laetitia Carney.

Deputy Director Lillios provided an overview of the investigative report relative to the suitability of the Mass Gaming and Entertainment's application, which included 9 entity qualifiers and 14 individual qualifiers. Qualifiers deemed suitable by the Commission in 2013 received an updated evaluation. With respect to the new qualifiers, all individuals underwent an extensive background check in the following areas: criminal, media, credit, litigation and political.

Deputy Director Lillios provided a summary of a 70 page report outlining the IEB's findings which included: tax obligations, criminal history search, ownership structure, trust investigations, gaming regulatory violations, and investigations of individual qualifiers.

Deputy Director Lillios also reported on the project site overview which included investigation of the Brockton Agricultural Society (Society) and four recommended conditions for the Society which included: documenting all transactions and provide to the IEB; the Society's books are to be maintained according to generally accepted accounting principles; the Society is to update contact information for shareholders and notify shareholders of all meetings; and the Society is to maintain all of the required filings with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Deputy Director Lillios recommended that the Commission find the applicant, Mass Gaming & Entertainment, suitable for licensure, subject to the conditions as outlined in report.

11:16 a.m. Attorney John Donnelly, representing Mass Gaming & Entertainment, stated he was excited about the Brockton project and partnership with George Carney. Attorney Donnelly noted they have been found suitable in other jurisdictions and that the process can be extremely intrusive. He also noted Bluhm and Carney's good character and reputation. Attorney Donnelly introduced Attorney Paul Seeman, representing LAM; and Attorney Michael Morizio, representing George Carney.

11:24 a.m. Attorney Donnelly answered questions with regard to a slot machine violation, shuffler red light mater, count room paperwork, and underage incident. Attorney Donnelly reported that they have a culture of self-reporting violations and they put together a system of internal controls and training to prevent these violations from happening again.

11:34 a.m. Attorney Michael Morizio addressed questions pertaining to the salt shed and cell tower on the casino land and notification of meetings to the Brockton Agricultural Society shareholders. Attorney Morizio reported that the salt shed and cell tower should have no effect on their ability to construct the casino. He also reported that they will notify shareholders by direct mailing and newspaper notification.

11:42 a.m. *Commissioner McHugh moved that the Commission find that the Mass Gaming and Entertainment entities and individuals are qualified to hold a Category 1 casino license in Massachusetts and is conditioned on four principles outlined in the investigative report. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

11:45 a.m. Deputy Director Lillios noted that since the Commissioners have voted for suitability, no notice has to be issued to the Brockton citizens with regard to the upcoming vote.

Legal Division

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11:46 a.m. Deputy General Counsel Todd Grossman presented on draft regulation 205 CMR 140 – Gross Gaming Revenue Tax Remittance and Reporting and noted changes were made based upon recommendations.

11:48 a.m. *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the draft regulation 205 CMR 140 – Gross Gaming Revenue Tax Remittance and Reporting and the Amended Small Business Impact Statement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

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11:49 a.m. Commissioner McHugh noted that item number 4 is being withdrawn from the meeting agenda.

11:49 a.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cameron. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission May 6, 2015 Notice of Meeting and Agenda
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission May 4, 2015 Updated Investigative Report for the Massachusetts Gaming Commission Applicant: Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC
3. 205 CMR 140 Gross Gaming Revenue Tax Remittance and Reporting
4. 205 CMR 140 Gross Gaming Revenue Tax Remittance and Reporting, Amended Small Business Impact Statement

/s/ Catherine Blue
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