



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 10-13, 2014

Place: MassMutual Center (June 10, 11, and 13)
1277 Main Street
Springfield, MA

Hynes Convention Center (June 12)
900 Boylston Street, Room 200
Boston, MA 02138

Present: Commissioner Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner James F. McHugh
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

Absent: None

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Call to Order June 10, 2014

See transcript page 2-18.

10:03 a.m. Chairman Crosby opened the 123rd public meeting and provided an overview of the process for making the final determination for the Category 1 Region B license award.

Suitability

See transcript page 18-26.

10:19 a.m. Director Wells presented the IEB's findings relative to the suitability of qualifiers Said Nasr Esfahani and Michael Christopher Mathis.

10:22 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the Commission accept and approve and adopt the report of Director Wells with respect to the qualifications of both of the new qualifiers. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.*

10:23 a.m. Director Wells provided an update on the overall suitability of Blue Tarp Redevelopment, LLC and that it is her recommendation to the Commission that the applicant remains suitable.

Building and Site Design

See transcript pages 26-122.

10:27 a.m. Commissioner McHugh presented his team's evaluation of the building and site design components of the Category 1 Region B application.

Note: Copies of the presentations made at 123rd Commission meeting can be found on the Commission's website at www.massgaming.com

11:24 a.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

11:36 a.m. Commissioner McHugh continued his presentation.

12:43 p.m. The Commission took a recess for lunch.

Finance

See transcript pages 2-81.

2:08 p.m. Commissioner Zuniga presented his team's evaluation of the financial components of the Category 1 Region B application.

3:41 p.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

Mitigation

See transcript pages 81-130.

3:53 p.m. Commissioner Cameron presented her team's evaluation of the mitigation components of the Category 1 Region B application.

4:48 p.m. Meeting recessed until Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

Call to Order June 11, 2014

See transcript pages 2-4.

10:13 a.m. Chairman Crosby reconvened the 123rd public meeting. The Commission discussed additional information from applicants and staff addressed issues discussed during the prior day.

Economic Development

See transcript pages 4-62.

10:17 a.m. Commissioner Stebbins presented his team's evaluation of the economic development components of the Category 1 Region B application.

11:16 a.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

Overview

See transcript pages 62-96.

11:29 a.m. Chairman Crosby presented his team's evaluation of the overview components of the Category 1 Region B application.

12:02 p.m. The Commission took a recess for lunch.

Deliberation

See transcript pages 96-206.

1:09 p.m. The Commission began deliberations of the materials presented.

2:25 p.m. *Motion made by Commissioner Stebbins that, after careful assessment and review of Blue Tarp Redevelopment's RFA-2 application for a Category 1 license in Region B, the Commission offer the Region B Category 1 license to Blue Tarp Redevelopment, LLC, doing business as MGM Springfield, with the conditions stated, provided that the applicant accept those conditions and report back to the Commission of its acceptance, at which point the Commission would make a formal and final award. Motion seconded by Commissioner McHugh. The motion passed unanimously.*

2:28 p.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

3:04 p.m. General Counsel Blue provided an overview of the procedure going forward. Jed Nosal, on behalf of Blue Tarp Redevelopment, LLC, presented the applicant's comments.

3:16 p.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

3:37 p.m. The Commission agreed to make several changes to the agreement to award a license.

4:05 p.m. Meeting recessed until Thursday, June 12, 2014.

Call to Order June 12, 2014

See transcript pages 5-9.

10:58 a.m. Chairman Crosby reconvened the 123rd public meeting.

10:58 a.m. General Counsel Blue presented to the Commission the final version of the agreement to award a license to Blue Tarp Redevelopment. Jed Nosal and Michael Matthis stated that MGM is in agreement with the document as written.

11:01 a.m. Meeting recessed until Friday, June 13, 2014.

Call to Order June 13, 2014

See transcript pages 2-9.

10:00 a.m. Commissioner McHugh reconvened the 123rd public meeting. Chairman Crosby was not present.

10:01 a.m. The Commission took a brief recess.

10:30 a.m. Chairman Crosby entered the meeting. Mayor Sarno provided ~~a few~~ introductory remarks.

License Award Agreement

See transcript pages 9-18.

10:41 a.m. Mr. Murren, on behalf of the applicant, presented his acceptance of the terms of the license award agreement.

10:49 a.m. *Motion made by Commissioner McHugh that the Commission enter into an agreement to award the Region B/Category 1 Gaming License to Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC on the terms and conditions contained in the agreement that the Commissioners will sign this morning and make a permanent part of the record of this meeting provided that Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC accepts those terms and manifests that acceptance by signing the same document. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion passed unanimously.*

10:52 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission June 10-13, 2014 Notice of Meeting and Agenda
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission evaluation team presentations.
3. Agreement To Award A Category 1 License To Blue Tarp Redevelopment, LLC

/s/ Catherine Blue
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