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## Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** June 11, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

**Place:** Boston Convention and Exhibition Center  
415 Summer Street Room 102A/B  
Boston, Massachusetts

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

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corresponding section in  
Commission meeting video**

### Call to Order

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[10:31 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby called to order the 154th meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

[10:32 a.m.](#) Commissioner McHugh stated that at no time after Chairman Crosby recused himself did Chairman Crosby offer him any suggestion or opinion about the Region A licensing decision. Commissioner McHugh also noted that the Region A work was complicated and he was proud of the process, the Commission, staff, and consultant's efforts.

[10:35 a.m.](#) Commissioner Zuniga noted that he felt the same way as Commissioner McHugh and that anyone who has doubts about the process should review the record.

### Approval of the Minutes

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[10:36 a.m.](#) *Commissioner McHugh moved for the approval of the May 28, 2015 minutes with reservation of power to change mechanical and typographical errors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **Research and Responsible Gaming**

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- [10:37 a.m.](#) Director Mark Vander Linden provided an overview of the Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts (SEIGMA) baseline study presentation. Mr. Vander Linden recognized Dr. Rachel Volberg, Martha Zorn, Amanda Houpt, the Department of Public Health, the Gaming Research Advisory Committee, Dr. Wendy Slutske, Dr. Jeff Marotta, the Public Health Trust Fund Executive Committee, and Commissioners for their role in the SEIGMA study.
- [10:44 a.m.](#) Dr. Rachel Volberg, SEIGMA Principal Investigator, shared preliminary findings on the social and economic impacts of gambling in Massachusetts. Dr. Volberg provided an overview of the SEIGMA study, which included elements of research agenda and the following topical areas: social and health impact, problem gambling and services evaluation, and economic and fiscal impacts and measures. Dr. Volberg also provided preliminary findings from the baseline population survey which included the following: survey methodology, demographics, gambling participation, gambling attitudes, problem gambling, economic and fiscal impacts analysis, lottery data analysis, next steps and access to SEIGMA report.
- [12:03 p.m.](#) Amanda Houpt, SEIGMA Project Manager, provided a demonstration on how to access SEIGMA project data online. Ms. Houpt also thanked the team of graduate students and R Studio for their work on the SEIGMA project.
- [12:22 p.m.](#) Chairman Crosby noted that funding for the SEIGMA research project was provided by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and decisions were made in coordination with the Department of Public Health.
- [12:24 p.m.](#) The Commission recessed for lunch.
- [1:32 p.m.](#) The meeting resumed.

## **Investigation and Enforcement Division**

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- [1:32 p.m.](#) IEB Director Karen Wells reported that she received, by the deadline, a term sheet between KG Urban and GLPI that is currently under review.
- [1:34 p.m.](#) Ombudsman John Ziemba presented on the City of New Bedford's citizen notification pertaining to the Commission's suitability and application process with a recommendation that the citizens notice be accepted.
- [1:36 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the community citizen notice as included in the packet for the New Bedford special election to be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

[1:38 p.m.](#) Ombudsman Ziemba noted that the applicants for Region C will be notified that July 10<sup>th</sup> will not be the deadline for the RFA-2 application.

[1:41 p.m.](#) Director Karen Wells presented an update on Penn National Temporary Key Gaming Employee licenses issued to: Tyler Evan Andrews, Surveillance Supervisor; Bogdan Magonski, Player Services Supervisor; and Ian Scott Thomas Burrell, Player Services Shift Manager.

### **Administration**

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[1:43 p.m.](#) Chairman Crosby noted that two anti-casino representatives, Bill Walczak and Thomas Conroy, were appointed to the Gaming Policy Advisory Committee.

[1:47 p.m.](#) Director Rick Day presented on Plainridge Park casino pre-opening assignments.

[1:54 p.m.](#) Director of Licensing Paul Connelly presented on Plainridge Park Casino gaming beverage license application which included insurance, smoking porch, and follow-up site visit.

[2:05 p.m.](#) Deputy General Counsel Todd Grossman presented on Plainridge Park Casino smoking porch and alcohol consumption.

[2:20 p.m.](#) *Commissioner McHugh moved that the Commission approve the gaming beverage license application for Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC as set out in the materials with the requirement and condition that if there's any change to the insurance policy now in effect that Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC immediately notify the Commission. The second condition is that they comply with the punch list items that are included in the third bullet of the memorandum to the Commission from Paul Connelly dated June 8, 2015 which is also in the materials and, that the smoking porch and apron be included within the gaming establishment and that smoking be permitted in both areas so long as those areas are unenclosed to the satisfaction of the Plainville Board of Health. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

[2:24 p.m.](#) CFAO Derek Lennon presented on Fiscal Year 2016 preliminary budget recommendations.

[2:48 p.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Interim Director of Racing, presented on requests from the Plainridge Park Casino for the approval of Key Operating Personnel and Racing Officials: Jason Savastano, Mutuel Manager; Christine Lynch, Assistant Racing Services Manager; and AnnMarie Mancini, fill-in Judge.

[2:49 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the request of Plainridge Park Casino to approve their June 4, 2015 update to their list of Key Operating Personnel and Racing Officials. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

[2:50 p.m.](#) Executive Director Day presented on Department of Revenue and Child Support intercept Memorandum of Understanding.

[2:55 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission delegate authority to Director Day to sign off on the MOU between DOR and Plainridge Park Casino when applicable. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **Legal Division**

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[2:55 p.m.](#) General Counsel Blue and Deputy General Counsel Todd Grossman presented on memorandum pertaining to Location of Gaming Establishment at Plainridge Park Casino.

[3:08 p.m.](#) *Commissioner McHugh moved that the Commission accept the boundaries of the gaming establishment as depicted on Exhibit C to the Grossman memorandum of June 11, 2015 that's in the packet with the addition to the gaming establishment of the porte cochere area and the smoking porch and, that we substitute for Exhibit C a larger map that more clearly shows the boundaries of the structure. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated**

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[3:10 p.m.](#) *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission June 11, 2015 Notice of Meeting and Agenda
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission May 28, 2015 Draft Meeting Minutes
3. University of Massachusetts, School of Public Health and Health Science, Results from the Baseline Phase of the SEIGMA Study
4. City of New Bedford - Citizen's Notice
5. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Memorandum dated June 11, 2015 regarding Temporary Key Gaming Employee Licenses Issued
6. Biography of Bill Walczak
7. Biography of Thomas Conroy
8. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Memorandum dated June 5, 2015 regarding June 18th Commission Meeting with Reports/Memorandum and Supporting Documents Due for the Packet on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

9. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Memorandum dated June 8, 2015 regarding Gaming Beverage License Application: Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC, with attachments
10. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Memorandum dated June 11, 2015 regarding Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) Initial Budget Recommendations
11. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Memorandum dated June 5, 2015 regarding Plainridge Key Operating Personnel and Racing Officials Update with attachments
12. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Memorandum dated June 11, 2015 regarding Location of Gaming Establishment at Plainridge Park Casino with attachments

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