



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 20, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

Place: Hynes Convention Center
900 Boylston Street, Room 310
Boston, Massachusetts

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

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Call to Order

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10:31 a.m. Chairman Crosby called to order the 161st Commission meeting. Chairman Crosby noted that the next meeting will take place in the Commission's new office space at 101 Federal Street in Boston.

Approval of Minutes

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10:31 a.m. *Commissioner McHugh moved for the approval of the August 6, 2015 minutes with reservation of rights to change mechanical and typographical errors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

Administration

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- [10:32 a.m.](#) Interim Executive Director Karen Wells introduced a new staff member - Chief Project Manager Joan Matsuomoto, and provided an overview of her background and current projects.
- [10:34 a.m.](#) Karen Wells noted that she is currently the Director of the IEB (Investigations and Enforcement Bureau) and the Interim Executive Director. The Director of the IEB reports to the Executive Director. Karen Wells recommended that the Chairman delegate authority to Commissioner Cameron to act as a temporary reporting designation for the Director of the IEB.
- [10:36 a.m.](#) *Commissioner McHugh moved that the Commission delegate to Commissioner Cameron the responsibility for oversight of the IEB and that the Director of the IEB report to Commissioner Cameron until a permanent Executive Director is engaged by the Commission. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Commissioner Cameron abstained from the vote. Motion passed unanimously.*

Investigations and Enforcement Bureau

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- [10:37 a.m.](#) IEB Director Karen Wells reported on MGM/Infinity World license conditions and qualifier status.
- [10:41 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission adopt Director Wells's recommendation that Dubai Infinity World holding no longer be designated a qualifier. [Director Wells clarified for the record that there are six entity qualifiers and five individuals: Dubai World, Infinity World Holding Limited, Infinity World Cayman Holding, Infinity World Cayman LP, Infinity World Investments Corp., Infinity World Investments, LLC; and individuals Andrew Watson, Junaid Rahimullah, Hamad Buamin, Christopher O'Donnell and Steven DuCharme. Director Wells further clarified that the motion would be that license conditions (O) and (P) would not have to be fulfilled by those entities anymore because they are not qualifiers.] Commissioner Cameron included in the motion that (O) and (P) are no longer conditions of the license. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*
- [10:42 a.m.](#) Assistant Director and Gaming Agents Division Chief Bruce Band and Director of Licensing Paul Connelly reported on the Plainridge Park Casino monthly statistical report which included: number of employees (522) and vendors (199); number of patron complaints (5); number of adult arrests (1) and adult evictions (15); and number of minors and underage youth prevented from entering gaming establishment (259), escorted from gaming area (4), found gambling at slot machines (2) and taken into custody for gambling (2).

Legal Division

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- [11:02 a.m.](#) General Counsel Catherine Blue introduced new staff attorneys Justin Stempeck and Carrie Torrisi and provided an overview of their background and roles in the Legal Division.
- [11:03 a.m.](#) General Counsel Blue provided an update on the status of Section 61 Findings pertaining to MGM.
- [11:14 a.m.](#) General Counsel Blue presented on the Governor's Executive Branch Public Records Policy and the Commission's Public Records Policy and noted comparisons and recommendations for changes.

Finance and Administration

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- [11:21 a.m.](#) Derek Lennon, Chief Financial and Accounting Officer, provided an update on Plainridge Park Casino's economic impact to the Commonwealth from hiring, purchasing, Lottery and local aid contributions from opening (June 24) through July of 2015.

Racing Division

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- [11:34 a.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Interim Director of Racing, provided an update on preparations for the Suffolk Downs meet which included contact with a track specialist, compilation of racing officials, application and licensing process, facility inspection, and staffing status.
- [11:41 a.m.](#) Doug O'Donnell, Senior Financial Analyst, reported on request for consideration from Plainridge Racecourse for Capital Improvement Trust Funds. He reported that they have met all requirements for this request.
- [11:46 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the transfer for the tractor of \$114,409.36 as requested in the memo dated August 20. Motion seconded by Commissioner McHugh. Motion passed unanimously.*
- [11:48 a.m.](#) Dr. Lightbown presented on request from the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association to conduct stake races for Massachusetts bred horses outside the Commonwealth.
- [11:51 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the request by the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association to hold their breeders races at Finger Lakes if in fact for some reason they were unable to do so at Suffolk with the three-day meet. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

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11:53 a.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made. Motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission – Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated August 20, 2015
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission – Draft Meeting Minutes dated August 6, 2015
3. Letter from Nicholas Casiello, Jr., Fox Rothschild, to Karen Wells, Director of IEB, dated July 2, 2015 regarding Infinity World Investments, LLC and Related Entities with attachment
4. Massachusetts Gaming Commission – Memorandum dated August 17, 2015 regarding Casino Monthly Statistical Report (Plainridge Park Casino) with attachments
5. Executive Branch Public Records Policy and Commission Public Records Policy Chart
6. Massachusetts Gaming Commission – Memorandum dated August 20, 2015 regarding Plainridge Park Casino Local Aid, Hiring and Purchasing Update with attachments
7. Massachusetts Gaming Commission – Memorandum dated August 20, 2015 regarding Request for Consideration, Plainridge Racecourse Capital Improvement Trust Fund with attachments
8. Letter from Kevin Considine, Esq., to Commissioner Gayle Cameron, dated August 5, 2015 regarding the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association

/s/ Catherine Blue

Catherine Blue

Assistant Secretary