



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 7, 2014 – 10:30 a.m.

Place: Boston Exhibition and Convention Center
415 Summer Street, Room 107B
Boston, Massachusetts

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

Call to Order

See transcript page 2.

10:30 a.m. Chairman Crosby called to order the 130th public meeting.

Approval of Minutes

See transcript pages 2-3.

10:30 a.m. Commissioner McHugh stated that the minutes of July 24, 2014 are in the packet for approval.

Motion made by Commissioner McHugh to approve the July 24, 2014 minutes subject to the need to correct any mechanical or typographical errors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Crosby stated that the July 24, 2014 minutes stated that the minutes from the July 15, 2015 were not approved and would be brought back before the Commission at this meeting. General Counsel Blue stated that Chairman Crosby was correct; however she wanted to confer with Commissioner Zuniga to determine what changes needed to be made. General Counsel Blue said she did consult with Commissioner Zuniga and the July 15, 2014 minutes will be revised

and brought back to the Commission at the August 21, 2014 meeting for approval.

Administration

See transcript pages 3-29.

- 10:32 a.m. Executive Director Day presented an update on the licensing staff's meeting with the staff at Plainridge Racecourse, licensing staff's progress on the implementation of the licensing system, progress made in filling open positions at the Commission and the identification of new office.
- 10:35 a.m. Executive Director Day introduced Jennifer Pinck from Pinck & Co., Jack Rauen and Lance George from Penn National. Mr. George gave a presentation on the gaming floor plan layout for the Plainridge Park Casino. Mr. George presented slides showing the various parts of the project and in particular explained the location of the Commission related space for responsible gaming, state police and licensing. Mr. O'Toole explained some of the changes that will be made to the backside of the paddock area to accommodate the gaming establishment.

Ombudsman Report

See transcript pages 30-34

- 10:59 a.m. Mr. Ziemba presented the Ombudsman Report. Mr. Ziemba reported on the Region C schedule and stated that the deadline for submission of the RFA 1 applications is December 1, 2014 and that the deadline for submission of the RFA 2 applications is March 27, 2015. Based upon those deadlines, if there are disputes regarding surrounding community agreements, the license for Region C would be awarded in August, 2015.

Mr. Ziemba further reported on a recent meeting with representatives from a number of state agencies regarding the Commission's Region C schedule, the award of a category 2 license to Penn National and the recent decision regarding MGM in Region B. Mr. Ziemba stated that the Commission thanked the agencies for their help in the licensing process and that the Commission looks forward to working with the agencies in the future.

Workforce Development and Supplier Diversity

See transcript pages 34-62

11:04 a.m. Director Griffin introduced Cori Whitacre and Karen Bailey from Penn National. Ms. Whitacre and Ms. Bailey presented Penn National's revised diversity plan. The plan was revised to reflect comments received from the Commission as part of the Commission's approval of the plan at the June 26th meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Stebbins that the Commission give final approval to the Plainridge Park Casino strategic plan to engage and recruit the diverse under and unemployed workforce population and the Plainridge Park Casino purchasing practices plan for local and traditionally disadvantaged and diverse businesses. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.

After the presentation by Penn National, Director Griffin updated the Commission on her recent meetings with various groups. Director Griffin stated that she helped Penn National connect with veterans' resources. Director Griffin had a conversation with MGM about meeting with the vendor team on August 25. Director Griffin stated that she is looking at best practices to ensure diversity during design and construction and met with the carpenters union and the Boston Building Trades Council to learn more about their apprenticeship program. Director Griffin also met with the policy group on tradeswomen to discuss best practices for increasing gender and racial diversity on construction sites.

11:35 p.m. Commission recessed

11:45 p.m. Meeting resumed

Research and Problem Gambling

See transcript pages 62-163

11:45 p.m. Mark Vander Linden presented the report on the responsible gaming framework. Director Vander Linden explained the process by which the report was created and stated that the framework and measures contained in the report are intended to inform the gaming regulation in Massachusetts, provide an overall orientation to responsible gaming practices and policies adopted by licensees and provide the general public with a concise description of the measures taken by the Commission and its licensees designed to mitigate unwanted consequences of expanded gaming. Director Vander Linden went through each section of the report and took questions and comments from the Commissioners. Director Vander Linden will revise the

report and bring it back for further Commission review at a later meeting.

Director Vander Linden requested the Commission approve an increase in the contract with Problem Gaming Solutions. The scope of the contract will remain the same and the total amount of the contract will be increased to \$55,000.

Motion made by Commissioner Zuniga that the Commission authorize staff to increase the contract with Problem Gaming Solutions to the amount stated in the packet of \$55,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.

1:42 p.m. Commission recessed

2:18 p.m. Meeting resumed

Region A – Chairman Crosby Recused

See transcript pages 164-196

2:18 p.m. Ombudsman Ziemba provided an update on Region A. Mr. Ziemba requested the Commission to extend the deadlines to receive comments on the Region A applicant transportation plans until the week of August 12th or August 19th. The Commission agreed to extend the comment period until August 22nd.

Mr. Ziemba advised the Commission that staff met with representatives from the MAPC and that MAPC has been preparing a memorandum for the Commission on the relative strengths and concerns of both applicants. The memorandum from the MAPC is included in the Commission packet for review by the Commission. The MAPC memorandum will be posted on the Commission's website.

Mr. Ziemba stated that staff had a productive meeting with a cross section of Charlestown residents and community organizations. Traffic mitigation in Charlestown was the predominant concern raised. Staff appreciated the comments received at the meeting and afterward. The comments received are included in the Commission packet.

Mr. Grossman presented to the Commission on the legal implications of the City of Boston's decision not to participate in the arbitration process leading to the surrounding community agreement. Mr. Grossman went through the main issues raised in the memorandum on the topic. The memorandum is included in the Commission packet.

Motion by Commissioner Zuniga that the Commission deem the City of Boston to have waived its surrounding community status with respect to the application for a Category 1 casino license filed by Wynn MA LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The motion carried unanimously.

2:58 p.m. *The Commission having no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Cameron to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. The motion carried unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission August 7, 2014 Notice of Meeting and Agenda
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission July 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes
3. Plainridge Park Casino Floor Plan Review August 7, 2014
4. Plainridge Park Casino Strategic Plan to Engage and Recruit the Diverse, Under and Unemployed Workforce Population
5. Plainridge Park Casino Purchasing Practices Plan for Locally and Traditionally Disadvantaged & Diverse Businesses
6. DRAFT August 4, 2014 Massachusetts Gaming Commission Responsible Gaming Framework
7. Massachusetts Gaming Commission August 7, 2014 Memorandum Regarding Proposed Amendment to Contract with Problem Gaming Solutions, Inc.
8. Comments regarding Charlestown Community Groups and Wynn
9. Massachusetts Gaming Commission August 4, 2014 Memorandum Regarding Waiver of Surrounding Community Status

/s/ Catherine Blue
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