

Western Massachusetts Region Educational Forum

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

Western New England University - Rivers Memorial Hall

1215 Wilbraham Rd.

Springfield, MA 01119

12:30 - 1:00	<u>Registration</u>
1:00	<u>WNEU Welcome</u> Professor Arthur D. Wolf - Director, Western New England University School of Law, Institute for Legislative and Governmental Affairs
1:05	<u>Overview and Introduction</u> Tim Brennan - Executive Director, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
1:10	<u>Welcoming Remarks</u> The Honorable Gale Candaras - State Senator / Chair, Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies
1:15 - 1:30	<u>Legislative Viewpoint on Expanded Gaming Act</u> The Honorable Stan Rosenberg - State Senate President Pro Tempore
1:35	<u>Introduction of Panel Sessions</u> Commissioner Bruce Stebbins - Massachusetts Gaming Commission
1:40 - 3:00	<u>Panel Discussion: Community Mitigation</u> Moderator: Tim Brennan - Executive Director, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Ed Harrison - Chair, Western Massachusetts Casino Task Force Jeffrey Simon - Director, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Recovery and Investment Office Monica Lamboy - Former Executive Director, City of Somerville Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development
3:00	<u>Break</u>
3:05 - 3:45	<u>Panel Discussion: Tourism - Connecting Casino Gaming to the Massachusetts Tourism and Hospitality Industry</u> Moderator: Betsy Wall - Director, Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism Scott Madden - Senior Partner, Connelly Partners Peter Rosskothén - President & CEO, The Delaney House and Log Cabin / Chair, Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau Speros A. Batistatos - President & CEO, South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority (Indiana)

3:50 - 4:40	<u>Panel Discussion: Creating Career Opportunities in Gaming for Massachusetts Residents</u> Moderator: Larry Martin - Business Services & Special Projects Manager, Hampden County Regional Employment Board William Messner - President, Holyoke Community College Marie Downey - Executive Director, BEST Corp / Local 26 Hotel Training Center Laurie Salame, J.D. - Lecturer, Department of Hospitality & Tourism Management, Isenberg School of Management, University of Massachusetts
4:45	<u>Concluding Remarks</u> Chairman Steve Crosby - Massachusetts Gaming Commission

[NOTE: After a 10 minute break the Commission will conduct an open meeting to discuss the subject matter and topics at the conclusion of the forum. The meeting will conclude at approximately 5:15 PM]