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Schedule of Events

Massachusetts Gaming Commission to Conduct One Week of Consecutive Open Meetings with Focus on Critical Topics

Subjects Include Key Policy Questions, Region C and Casino Design

WHO: Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* including **Chairman Steve Crosby, Commissioner Gayle Cameron; Commissioner James McHugh; Commissioner Bruce Stebbins and Commissioner Enrique Zuniga**

WHAT: From December 11th – 14th, 2012, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) is conducting consecutive open meetings to address a multitude of issues currently before the Commission. Commissioners will address key policy issues in order of priority beginning with matters that will soon affect communities and applicants as they plan for potential gaming facilities. Commissioners will also discuss policies that would be considered ‘strategic considerations’ in anticipation of bidding out the licenses. Other policy considerations include issues pertaining to the contents of license applications, the evaluation of the gaming licensee and their proposals and lastly matters pertaining to operation/regulation of casinos. It is **IMPORTANT** to note that these policy discussions are to provide a platform for writing draft regulations on which the public will have additional opportunities to provide comment/feedback.

During the course of the week and in addition to the key policy meetings, MGC will also host its regularly scheduled open meeting and an educational forum dedicated to casino design.

LIVE STREAM: As part of MGC’s ongoing commitment to an open, transparent and participatory process, community members who are unable to attend the open meetings are encouraged to watch the live streams made available on the Massachusetts Gaming Commission’s website. Every below scheduled event will be available via **LIVE STREAM**.

In addition, community members are invited to follow along with live meeting updates by connecting with us on Twitter, **@MassGamingComm**.

SCHEDULE BELOW:

OPEN MEETINGS TO DISCUSS KEY POLICY QUESTIONS - #MGCPolicy

DATE & TIME	LOCATION	A SAMPLE OF POLICY QUESTIONS
TUESDAY , December, 11, 2012 at 9:00AM to 11:30AM	Division of Insurance, 1000 Washington Street, Meeting Room E , Boston , MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should MGC’s suitability process be finished before allowing a host community vote? • Should the Phase 2 application contain more criteria than required by the law • Should MGC prescribe games, rules and controls or solicit proposals from applicants?
WEDNESDAY , December 12, 2012 at 1:00PM	Division of Insurance, 1000 Washington Street, Meeting Room G , Boston , MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the Commission make casino licensing decisions region-by-region or simultaneously for all regions? • Should the Commission make decisions and apply resources to a slots license first? • How will MGC define “surrounding community”
THURSDAY , December, 13, 2012, at 1:00PM	Division of Insurance, 1000 Washington Street, Meeting Room E , Boston , MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the Commission increase the minimum license fee/capital investment? • Should the Commission allow a facility to open in stages?
FRIDAY , December 14, 2012, at 1:00PM	Division of Insurance, 1000 Washington Street, Meeting Room E , Boston , MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should be the length of licenses issued to employees whom the statute requires be licensed?

REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY OPEN MEETING

DATE & TIME	LOCATION	TOPICS
TUESDAY , December 11, 2012 at 1:00PM	Division of Insurance, 1000 Washington Street, Meeting Room E , Boston , MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of Background Investigations • Region C discussion • Racing Update/Local Aid distribution

EDUCATIONAL FORUM: CASINO DESIGN - #MGCCasinoDesign

DATE & TIME	LOCATION	SUBJECT
WEDNESDAY , December 12, 2012 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM	BSA Space 290 Congress Street, Suite 200 Boston, Massachusetts 02210	MGC partners with the American Institute of Architects and the Boston Society of Architects to discuss: Promoting Sustainability and Strengthening Communities: Design Excellence for Massachusetts Casinos