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Meeting Notification

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission to hold Public Meeting Topics include Region C, Regulations, Encore Boston Harbor and 2018 Economic Impact Report

- WHO: Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* including Chair Cathy Judd-Stein and Commissioners Gayle Cameron, Eileen O'Brien, Bruce Stebbins, and Enrique Zuniga
- WHAT: The Massachusetts Gaming Commission will hold public meeting #285 on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

The meeting will begin with an approval of minutes, followed by an administrative update from Executive Director Ed Bedrosian.

The Commission will then discuss Region C-related draft Request for Information and a draft Request for Public Comment. A vote on this matter is anticipated.

Investigations and Enforcement Bureau Director Karen Wells and Chief Enforcement Counsel Loretta Lillios will then request a vote on the following:

Initial Draft Version of 205 CMR 134.09: Investigation, Determination, and Appeals for Gaming Establishment Employees and Vendors, to clarify provisions regarding handling information and records relating to sealed and expunged records; and Small Business Impact Statement – VOTE to begin the promulgation process

Associate General Counsel Justin Stempeck will request that the Commission vote on the following racing regulations:

- Final Draft Version of several amendments to **205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing (Refs & Annos)**, to include provisions for addressing conflicts of interest of racing officials, the finality of decisions of racing judges for events occurring during races, and optional quarantine procedures in TCO2 positive cases; and Amended Small Business Impact Statements – **VOTE** to finalize the promulgation process
- Final Draft Version of several amendments to **205 CMR 4.00: Rules of Horse Racing (Refs & Annos)**, to include provisions for addressing conflicts of interest of stewards; and Amended Small Business Impact Statements – **VOTE** to finalize the promulgation process

 Final Draft Version of an amendment to 205 CMR 101.02: Review of Orders of Civil Administrative Penalties/Forfeitures Issued by the Bureau, Commission Staff, or the Racing Division, to include proper timing of racing appeals and a new provision for discovery in racing medication cases; and Amended Small Business Impact Statement – VOTE to finalize the promulgation process

Ombudsman John Ziemba will introduce representatives from Encore Boston Harbor to provide a follow-up to their most recent Quarterly Report, and MGC Construction Oversight Manager Joe Delaney will present information regarding Encore's 90-Day Commitments.

Director of Workforce, Supplier & Diversity Development Jill Griffin will then present the 2018 Economic Impact Report to the Commission.

During a discussion on other commission matters, the Commission will vote on the ratification of the Interim Executive Director Designation, and will provide an update on the search for an Executive Director.

Commissioner Cameron will then provide an update on the International Association of Gaming Regulators conference, which will be held in Boston in 2020.

For a complete list of agenda items and anticipated votes, <u>view the official Meeting</u> <u>Notification and Agenda</u>. A **LIVE STREAM** will be available on the MassGaming homepage. Also, community members are invited to follow along with live meeting updates by connecting with the Commission on Twitter, <u>@MassGamingComm</u>.

WHERE: MGC Office, 101 Federal Street, 12th Floor, Boston, MA

WHEN: Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

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