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### **Meeting Notification**

#### **The Massachusetts Gaming Commission to hold Public Meeting**

*Topics include Research and Responsible Gaming, MGM Springfield, Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development*

**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 #290 on **Thursday, February 27, 2020.**

After an approval of minutes, Interim Executive Director Karen Wells will provide a general administrative update. Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linde will then present information about new initiatives related to the upcoming Problem Gambling Awareness Month in March.

Crime Analyst Christopher Bruce, alongside Director Vander Linden, will present findings from the latest MGM Springfield Public Safety Impact Report.

Ombudsman John Ziemba and Construction Project Oversight Manager Joe Delaney will request that the Commission vote on MGM Springfield's residential requirement. The vote will be followed by a report from the City of Springfield's Chief Development Officer Timothy Sheehan, and MGM Springfield's quarterly report.

Director Vander Linden, Research and Responsible Gaming Program Manager Teresa Fiore, Massachusetts Council on Problem Gambling Director Chelsea Turner and GameSense Supervisor Amy Gabriela will provide an update about the GameSense program at MGM Springfield.

Dr. Mark Nichols and Dr. Rachel Volberg, representatives from the Social and Economic Impact of Gambling in Massachusetts (SEIGMA) research team, will then present a statewide and local analysis about lottery revenue and MGM Springfield.

Jill Griffin, MGC director of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development, will introduce the two recipients of a recent grant for technical assistance to local small businesses, the Franklin County Community Development Corporation and the Local Enterprise Assistance Fund. Through this pilot, both non-profits will consult



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small businesses which have existing vendor relationships with one of the state's three casinos, and aid in capacity building, scaling the business to meet the casino's procurement needs and/or providing solutions for technical business challenges.

Interim General Counsel Todd Grossman will request that the Commission vote on the following:

- Initial Draft Version of an amendment to **205 CMR 133.04: Duration of Exclusion and Removal from the List**, revising the period between the exit session and re-entry onto the gaming floor after removal from the Voluntary Self-Exclusion list; and Small Business Impact Statement, Todd Grossman, Interim General Counsel; Carrie Torrisi, Associate General Counsel; Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming – **VOTE to begin the promulgation process**
- Final Draft Versions of **205 CMR 134.01 and 134.06 Re: Licensing and Registration of Employees, Vendors, Junket Enterprises and Representatives, and Labor Organizations**, to authorize Encore Boston Harbor to begin running junkets; and Amended Small Business Impact Statements – **VOTE to finalize the promulgation process**
- Final Draft Version of an amendment to **205 CMR 133.05: Voluntary Self-Exclusion**, to allow licensees to provide an aggregated no-marketing list to junket operators that will include individuals on the Voluntary Self-Exclusion list but will not identify them as being on such list; and Amended Small Business Impact Statement – **VOTE to finalize the promulgation process**
- Final Draft Version of several amendments to **205 CMR 134.00: Licensing and Registration of Employees, Vendors, Junket Enterprises and Representatives, and Labor Organizations**, to include procedural and administrative updates, and the addition of a waiting period to reapply for a license; and Amended Small Business Impact Statement – **VOTE to finalize the promulgation process**

For a complete list of agenda items and anticipated votes, [view the official Meeting Notification and Agenda](#). 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, [@MassGamingComm](#).

**WHERE:** MassMutual Center, 1277 Main Street, Room 1 and 2, Springfield, MA

**WHEN:** **Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.**



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