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## **Meeting Notification**

## The Massachusetts Gaming Commission to hold Public Meeting

Topics include: COVID-19 Developments and Related Minimum Standards, Protocols and Plans; Horse Racing; Community Mitigation Fund; Investigations and Enforcement Bureau

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 #325 on Thursday,

November 5, 2020.

After an approval of minutes, Executive Director Karen Wells will provide an update regarding MGC job listings, followed by a racing overview from Dr. Alex Lightbown, the MGC's Director of Racing.

Members from the MGC's Investigations and Enforcement Bureau will then provide on-site casino updates, and will request that the Commission vote on the following:

- Review and Discussion Regarding Minimum Requirements for the Initial Phase 3 Opening of Gaming Establishments (the "Gaming Guidelines") – VOTE
- Review and Discussion Regarding Protocols for Conduct of Live Racing Under COVID-19 (the "Horse Racing Guidelines") – VOTE
- Review and Discussion Regarding Plans for Reopening of Simulcast Facilities (PPC; Raynham; Suffolk Downs) (the "Simulcast Guidelines") – VOTE

Chief Financial and Accounting Officer Derek Lennon and Interim Investigations and Enforcement Bureau Director Loretta Lillios will ask that the Commission vote on the following:

- MGM Springfield Gaming Beverage License Amendment Request Addition of new licensed area ("smart bar service bar") – VOTE
- Gaming Service Employee Exemption Requests VOTE

Interim Director Lillios and Senior Enforcement Counsel Katherine Hartigan will request that the Commission vote on two Plainridge Park Casino suitability individual qualifiers, and five Encore Boston Harbor suitability entity qualifiers.

Joe Delaney, Chief of the MGC's Division of Community Affairs, will ask that the Commission vote on an amendment to a Community Mitigation Fund grant for the Towns of Foxborough, Plainville and Wrentham.

Dr. Lightbown will request that the Commission vote on an Application to Hold or Conduct a Live Racing Meeting in 2021.

Executive Director Wells will lead an internal compliance and audit discussion, and General Counsel Todd Grossman will then discuss a licensee non-disclosure agreement.

For a complete list of agenda items and anticipated votes, <u>view the official Meeting Notification and Agenda</u>.

**PLEASE NOTE**: Given the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the global Coronavirus pandemic, Governor Charles Baker issued an order to provide limited relief from certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law to protect the health and safety of individuals interested in attending public meetings. In keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission will conduct a public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology. If there is any technical problem with our remote connection, an alternative conference line will be noticed immediately on our website: MassGaming.com.

Community members are also invited to follow along with live meeting updates by connecting with the Commission on Twitter, <a href="mailto:@MassGamingComm">@MassGamingComm</a>.

**WHERE:** Conference Call Number: 1-646-741-5293, Meeting ID: 111 216 6879

WHEN: Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.