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Meeting Notification

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission to hold Public Meeting

Topics include: MGM Springfield, Horse Racing, Problem Gambling Awareness Month, Executive Director Evaluation, Community Mitigation Fund

WHO: Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* including **Chair Cathy Judd-Stein** and **Commissioners Gayle Cameron, Eileen O'Brien** and **Enrique Zuniga**

WHAT: The Massachusetts Gaming Commission will hold public meeting #337 on **Thursday, February 25, 2021**.

After an approval of minutes, Executive Director Karen Wells will provide an administrative update, which will include on-site casino updates from Investigations and Enforcement Bureau Director Loretta Lillios and Gaming Agents Division Chief Bruce Band.

Representatives from MGM Springfield will then present the licensee's quarterly report.

Director of Racing Dr. Alex Lightbown, alongside the Harness Horsemen's Association of New England's Managing Director Alice Tisbert, will provide a Pension Plan Update. The Commission is then expected to vote on the following:

- **Pari-Mutuel Taxes for Benefits to Jockeys - VOTE**

Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden will preview the upcoming Problem Gambling Awareness Month, and will be joined by Victor Ortiz, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Director of Problem Gambling Services, for a presentation on the Problem Gambling Helpline Transition.

Commissioner O'Brien will then lead a discussion related to the Commission's Executive Director Evaluation.

General Counsel Todd Grossman and Associate General Counsel Carrie Torrisi will ask that the Commission vote on the following:

- **205 CMR 146.13:** Blackjack Table; Card Reader Device; Physical Characteristics; Inspections; **205 CMR 146.49:** Cards; Receipt; Storage; Inspections, and Removal; **205 CMR 146.51:** Dealing Shoes; Automated Shuffling Devices. - This is an administrative change that will remove all



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references to the 6-to-5 blackjack variation from the regulation – and Small Business Impact Statement – **VOTE to begin the promulgation process**

Community Affairs Division Chief Joe Delaney will provide an update related to 2021 Community Mitigation Fund applications, and will ask for a Commission vote related to the review of a Community Mitigation Fund grant for the City of Medford.

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

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, [@MassGamingComm](#).

WHERE: Conference Call Number: 1-646-741-5293, Meeting ID: 112 102 8083

WHEN: **Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**



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