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### **Meeting Notification**

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

*Topics include: On-site Casino Updates, Horse Racing, 2021 Community Mitigation Fund, Quarterly Reports for Encore Boston Harbor and Plainridge Park Casino*

**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 #344 on **Thursday, May 20, 2021**.

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

Licensing Division Chief Nakisha Skinner will then ask that the Commission vote on a Service Employee Exemption Request related to Wahlburgers at MGM Springfield.

Dr. Lightbown will present on the following horse racing-related items:

- Update on Horse Racing Testing Process
- Update on Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act
- Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts Recognition Request as Breeders' Representative Group - **VOTE**
- 2021 Harness Meet Update
- Race Horse Development Fund Benefits for Drivers and Jockeys - **VOTE**
- Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association Request for Consultation - **VOTE**

Executive Director Wells will then provide a regulation review update.

Community Affairs Division Chief Joe Delaney and Senior Program Manager Mary Thurlow will review applications for the 2021 Community Mitigation Fund. Votes on this matter are anticipated.

Representatives from Encore Boston Harbor and Plainridge Park Casino will then present each property's quarterly report.



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The Commission anticipates that it will then meet in executive session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c.23K, §21(a)(7) for the specific purpose of reviewing the proposed multi-year capital expenditure plan [described in 205 CMR 139.09], and any corresponding materials, submitted relative to Plainridge Park Casino, as discussion of this matter in public would frustrate the purpose of the statute and associated legal authorities. This matter is further governed by 205 CMR 139.02 as the information at issue is covered by a non-disclosure agreement. The public session of the Commission meeting will not reconvene at the conclusion of the executive session.

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: 111 917 7743

**WHEN:** **Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**



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