



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: July 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: +1-213-631-9908

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The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. Use of this technology was intended to ensure an adequate, alternative means of public access to the Commission's deliberations for any interested member of the public.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Jordan Maynard

Commissioner Eileen O'Brien

Commissioner Bradford Hill

Commissioner Nakisha Skinner

Commissioner Paul Brodeur

1. [Call to Order](#) (08:22)

Chair Maynard called to order the 592nd Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five Commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Administrative Update](#) (09:03)

Executive Director Dean Serpa noted that there was a vacancy on the Commission's for the position of Chief of the Licensing Division and that he will be working with Director of the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau ("IEB") Caitlin Monahan to develop a new position description for the role. He noted that Licensing Manager Richard Lawless would serve as the Interim Licensing Chief until the position is filled.

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission would move Agenda Item 3 to the end of the meeting and go directly to discussion of Agenda Item 4.

3. [Legislative Update](#) (39:53)

Commissioner Hill stated that the Legislature's Conference Committee released a recommended budget for FY27 which Governor Healey had ten days to sign, line-item veto, or send back with amendments to policy changes. He noted that two areas of the bill impact the Commission.

Commissioner Hill explained that in the proposed budget, there were permanent changes made to the statutory allocations on sports wagering tax distributions outlined in G.L. c. 23N, § 17. He noted that the allocation to the Workforce Investment Trust Fund was decreased from 17.5% of the taxes to 10%. He stated that the decreased amount was proposed to be split between two new funds: 2% going into the Economic Development Trust Fund and 5.5% going into the Sports and Entertainment Events Fund.

Commissioner Hill also explained that for FY27, a temporary change was made to G.L. c. 23K, § 59 which designates how gaming taxes are distributed. He stated that the Public Health Trust Fund would receive 5% of gaming taxes, that the Race Horse Development Trust Fund would receive 2.5% of taxes, and that the Community Mitigation Fund would receive 4% of taxes. He noted that this was the first time in three budget cycles where funds were allocated to the Community Mitigation Fund and that it was projected that approximately \$10.2 million would be allocated to the Community Mitigation Fund.

Transcriber's Note: The Commission returned to Agenda Item 8.

4. [Finance](#) (10:48)

a. FY27 Budget Approval

Chief Financial and Accounting Officer ("CFAO") Derek Lennon presented the FY27 Budget for Commission approval. He explained that one change had been made since the budget was last presented to the Commission. A payment of \$55,800 to the Attorney General's Office from the Gaming Control Fund was added as a result of decreasing its Community Mitigation Fund grant in order to approve a municipal waiver request. He stated that all other items remained the same and that there were no public comments received on the budget. *The FY27 Budget was included in the Commissioners' packet on pages 3 through 89.*

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the fiscal year 2027 budget, as outlined in the Commissioners' packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

5. Sports Wagering Division (15:10)

a. Updates to DraftKings House Rules

Compliance and Operations Manager Andrew Steffen presented a proposed House Rules update for Crown MA Gaming, LLC d/b/a DraftKings (“DraftKings”). *DraftKings’ updated House Rules were included in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 90 through 92.*

Commissioner Brodeur asked how popular the moonshot bet was in jurisdictions where the bet type was already live. DraftKings’ Director of Regulatory Compliance Alex Walder stated that customers were picking up this bet type quickly in line with other prop markets. He stated that DraftKings had not received any customer complaints and that customers seemed to enjoy the product. Commissioner Brodeur asked if there was a cap on the bet multiplier. Mr. Walder stated that the multiplier was capped at 50.

Commissioner O’Brien asked DraftKings to keep the Sports Wagering Division apprised of the win/loss percentage of this new bet, noting that she is curious to know this information from a responsible gaming perspective as well as to ensure transparency to the consumer. Mr. Walder stated that moonshot wagers were more in line with single bet markets rather than parlays. He noted that DraftKings continued to evaluate whether the multipliers set for players are appropriate to ensure it is a fair and balanced offering. He stated that DraftKings would keep the Sports Wagering Division informed on this matter.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the updates to the House Rules submitted by DraftKings as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b. Updates to Fanatics House Rules (22:08)

Manager Steffen presented a proposed House Rules update for FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC d/b/a Fanatics Betting & Gaming (“Fanatics”). *Fanatics’ updated House Rules were included in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 93 through 100.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the updates to the House Rules submitted by Fanatics as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. [Investigations and Enforcement Bureau](#) (26:31)

a. MGM Springfield's Request for an Amendment to the Beverage License

Interim Licensing Division Chief Richard Lawless presented Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC d/b/a MGM Springfield's ("MGM") request to amend its beverage license. He explained that MGM was replacing Top Golf with the Union House music venue and bar and further noted that bar and alcohol storage would remain the same. He stated that the Licensing Division recommended that the Commission approve MGM's request. *MGM's request was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 101 through 106.*

Commissioner O'Brien noted that the City of Springfield opted to allow businesses to offer an extended last call until 3 A.M. in accordance with Chapter 96 of the Acts of 2026. She asked if MGM requested an amendment to their beverage license to allow for additional hours. Interim Chief Lawless stated that 1 A.M. was specified in MGM's request and noted that they could operate until 2 A.M. for a special event. Chair Maynard noted that it did not appear that MGM had requested an extended last call for any of its licensed areas.

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the request submitted by MGM Springfield to amend its Gaming Beverage License to include Union House as a licensed beverage area in accordance with the terms outlined in the submission contained in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. [Legal Division](#) (31:05)

a. Approval of New Table Game Variation for Midi Baccarat and Mini Baccarat

Deputy General Counsel Jenna Hentoff presented a new table game variation for midi baccarat and mini baccarat. *A memorandum and the new table game variation rules were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 107 through 133.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the adoption of No Commission Baccarat with Lucky 6 Side Wager as a game variation to midi and mini baccarat and associated updated rules thereof, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b. 205 CMR 146.18: Baccarat, Midi-baccarat, Mini-baccarat, and Baccarat- chemin de Fer Tables; Physical Characteristics – Discussion and Review of Regulation Amendments and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process (35:40)

Counsel Hentoff presented a proposed amendment to 205 CMR 146.18 which outlines the physical table characteristics for all baccarat-based games. *A memorandum, the proposed redline draft, and a Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 134 through 139.*

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 146.18 as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today; and further, that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Transcriber's Note: The Commission returned to Agenda Item 3 at this time.

8. Commissioner Updates (44:21)

Chair Maynard asked if there were any Commissioner Updates and received no response.

9. Other Business (44:24)

Hearing no other business, Chair Maynard requested a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Brodeur moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated June 29, 2026.
2. Commissioners' Packet from the July 1, 2026, meeting (posted on massgaming.com).