



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25, and Chapter 107 of the Session Acts of 2022, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the **Massachusetts Gaming Commission**. The meeting will take place:

Wednesday | February 12, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID/ PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 800 6671


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PUBLIC MEETING #186

1. Call to Order – Jordan Maynard, Chair
2. Minutes from Commission Agenda Setting Meetings
 - a. January 29, 2025 VOTE
3. Agenda Planning for Upcoming Public Commission Meetings. (See following pages.)
4. Commissioner Updates
5. Other Business – Reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.

I certify that on this date, this Notice was posted as “Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting” at www.massgaming.com and emailed to: regs@sec.state.ma.us. Date Posted to Website: February 10, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. EST

February 10, 2025



Jordan M. Maynard, Chair

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Massachusetts Gaming Commission

MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION
AGENDA PLANNING

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Type	Topic/Note
24-Feb	Public Meeting	Monday meeting
27-Feb	Adjudicatory Hearing	DraftKings Durable Suitability
5-Mar	Agenda Setting	
13-Mar	Public Meeting	
19-Mar	Agenda Setting	
27-Mar	Public Meeting	
30-Apr	Adjudicatory Hearing	Fanatics Durable Suitability
14-May	Adjudicatory Hearing	License Renewal

NOTE: No meetings scheduled during the week of February 17th

MEETING DATE
Monday, February 24, 2025

#	Agenda Item Topic	MGC Representative	Time (minutes)
1	Administrative Update	Serpa, D.	
2	Meeting Minutes	Skinner, N.; Young, J.	
3	Legislative Update	Hill, B.	
4	Regulations: 205 CMR 256	Grossman, T.	
5	Sports Wagering:	Torrise, C.	
6	Non Compliance Matters	Monahan, C.	
7	Quarterly Reports: PPC & EBH	Delaney, J.	45
8	Discussion on Capital Expenditures and ILEV Impact - Executive Session anticipated	Delaney, J.	
9	Request to renew temporary category 3 SW operator licenses	O'Brien, K.	10
10	FY24 Research Summary Findings and Recommendations	Vander Linden, M.	45
11	Mid Year Budget Update	Lennon, D.	
12	Raynham Facility Relocation	Lightbown, A.	
Total Time			100

MEETING DATE
Thursday, March 13, 2025

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1	Administrative Update	Serpa, D.	
2	Meeting Minutes	Skinner, N.; Young, J.	
3	Legislative Update	Hill, B.	
4	Regulations:	Grossman, T.	
5	Sports Wagering:	Torrisi, C.	
6	Non Compliance Matters	Monahan, C.	
7	Quarterly Report: MGM	Delaney, J.	20
Total Time			0

MEETING DATE
Thursday, March 27, 2025

#	Agenda Item Topic	MGC Representative	Time (minutes)
1	Administrative Update	Serpa, D.	
2	Meeting Minutes	Skinner, N.; Young, J.	
3	Legislative Update	Hill, B.	
4	Regulations:	Grossman, T.	
5	Sports Wagering:	Torrise, C.	
6	Non-Compliance Matters	Monahan, C.	
Total Time			0

UNDER REVIEW

#	Agenda Item Topic	MGC Representative	Status
1	Compliance Committee	O'Brien, E.	Under Review
2	Discussion of Illegal Markets	Skinner, N.; O'Brien, E.; Grossman, T.	Under Review
3	Early Economic Impact of Sports Betting in the Commonwealth	Vander Linden, M.; Andrews, B.	Under Review
4	Staff Evaluations	All Commissioners	Under Review
5	Debrief on Tyson/Paul Event and Discussion of Procedure Related to Changes in Approved Event Rules	Torrise, C.	Under Review
6	Discussion on catalogue language for UFC	Skinner, N.; Torrise, C.	Under Review
7	Revere HCA	All Commissioners	Under Review
8	Update on employment and vendor diversity	Skinner, N.; Lennon, D.; Sundai, B.	Under Review
9	FY26 Proposed Research Agenda	Vander Linden, M.	Under Review
10	VSE Program Updates	Vander Linden, M.	Under Review

Assigned meeting dates are subject to change.



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: January 29, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 112 651 4682

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1. Call to Order

Chair Jordan Maynard called Agenda Setting Meeting #185 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission") to order at 10:03 A.M.

Quorum was confirmed for the meeting by roll call. The following Commissioners were present for the meeting:

*Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Paul Brodeur*

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. January 15, 2025

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the agenda setting minutes from the January 15, 2025 meeting, as included in the Commissioner's packet subject to necessary corrections for typographical errors or non-material matters. Commissioner O'Brien seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner O'Brien</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Hill</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Skinner</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Brodeur</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed 5-0.

3. Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agendas for the upcoming meetings scheduled and additional agenda items for subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notice, as follows:

Items For Public Meeting – February 6, 2024 – 9:30 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa confirmed this item.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed minutes would come forward.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill confirmed this item.

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck confirmed that regulation 205 CMR 238.12 regarding letter of credit would come back for discussion. He explained that operators are ready to share data on the cost of covering liabilities versus the cost of covering account balances. Commissioner Maynard inquired whether the Attorney General (“AG”)’s office would be weighing in on the proposed alternatives and Counsel Stempeck stated the Commission engaged in discussions with the AG’s office prior to the last meeting and he can review that information during the discussion.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi confirmed this item regarding a request from Sports Wagering to issue a temporary waiver for PSI and BetMGM for the KBA requirements in regulation 205 CMR 248.04(4). She stated these requests would be brought forward as part of a response after Sports Wagering identified a miscommunication issue with FanDuel. She further explained that Sports Wagering reviewed the other operators and identified the same previous internal miscommunication issue with FanDuel had occurred with these other operators.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters: Caesars – Director Monahan confirmed this item regarding Caesars KYC matter and 2-3 additional non-compliance matters would come forward for initial review and determination of next steps by the Commission.

Item #7 – DPH Discussion – Executive Director Serpa confirmed this item.

Item #8 – Mid Year Budget Update – CFAO Derek Lennon requested two additional weeks from the February 6, 2025 public meeting to prepare this item.

Item #9 – Plainridge Request for Reimbursement – Dr. Lightbown confirmed this item.

Item #10 – Raynham Facility Relocation – Dr. Lightbown requested this item would be moved to the February 24, 2025 public meeting. Additionally, she noted that the Commissioners may want to arrange a site visit to Raynham and all the Commissioners expressed the desire to do so.

Add-on-Item – Mary Thurlow, Senior Program Manager, Community Affairs, requested an item to present the applications received for the Community Mitigation Fund. Program Manager, Lily

Wallace added the division would be looking for guidance from the Commissioners based on the current funding landscape.

Add-on-Item – Autumn Birarelli, Staff Attorney, Legal Division, requested an item to present the administrative appeals program.

Items For Public Meeting – February 24, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed minutes would come forward.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #4 – Regulations – 205 CMR 256 – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck requested to remove this item from the “under review” list to this public meeting, to begin the discussion about this regulation pertaining to Sports Wagering Advertising and Marketing and to receive guidance from the Commission on the desired next steps.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters – Director Monahan tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #7 – Quarterly Reports – Manager Thurlow confirmed this item for Plainridge Park Casino and Encore Boston Harbor, however, noted that MGM Springfield requested to present their quarterly report at the March 13, 2025 public meeting.

Item #8 – Discussion on Capital Expenditures and ILEV impact – Manager Thurlow confirmed this item. As previously noted by Chief Delaney, an executive session is anticipated for this item.

Add-on-Item – Division of Licensing – Director of Licensing, Kara O’Brien, requested an item to discuss the request for leave to renew the temporary category 3 sports wagering operator licenses. Chair Maynard inquired as to whether a deadline is approaching. Director O’Brien stated all operators submitted their applications on time so the expiration dates are tolled until the Commission takes action, however this review would be in line with the expiration dates.

Add-on-Item – Research and Responsible Gaming – Dr. Bonnie Andrews requested to move the FY24 Summary of Research Findings and Recommendations from under review to this public meeting.

Items For Public Meeting – March 13, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST

Chair Maynard noted that he will hold the typical Items 1-6 on the agenda as outlined below and inquired if any person would like to request any changes.

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill.

Item #4 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrissi.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters – Director Monahan.

Add-on-Item – Community Affairs – Manager Thurlow requested to add MGM’s quarterly report.

Items For Public Meeting – March 27, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST

Chair Maynard noted that he will hold the typical Items 1-6 on the agenda as outlined below and inquired if any person would like to request any changes. None were mentioned.

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill.

Item #4 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrissi.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters – Director Monahan.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #1 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #2 – Discussion of Illegal Markets – Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #3 – Economic Impact of Sports Betting – Dr. Bonnie Andrews confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #4 – Staff Evaluations – Commissioners – Chair Maynard confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #5 – Debrief on Tyson/Paul Event and Discussion of Procedure – Chief Torrissi confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #6 – Discussion on catalogue language for UFC – Chief Torrisi confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #7 – Revere HCA – Chair Maynard confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #8 – Regulation – 205 CMR 256 – *This item was moved to the February 24, 2025 public meeting.*

Item #9 – FY24 Summary of Research Findings and Recommendations – *This item was moved to the February 24 2025 public meeting.*

Item #10 – Diversity Update – Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item would remain under review and noted this item relates to the request for an update on employment and vendor diversity from the HR and procurement teams. CFAO Lennon confirmed the Finance Division is working on this item.

Add-on- Item – Proposed Research Agenda for FY2026 – Dr. Bonnie Andrews requested this item.

Add-on- Item – Voluntary Self Exclusion (VSE) Program Discussion – Commissioner Skinner requested an item for discussion to clarify the requirements for removal from the VSE list once a person’s self-selected term has expired. Chair Maynard expressed his agreement with Commissioner Skinner to have this discussion and would defer to Director Vander Linden to further define and explain.

4. Commissioner Updates

None.

5. Other Business

Having no further business, Commissioner Hill moved to adjourn. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner O’Brien</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Hill</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Skinner</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Brodeur</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#), dated January 27, 2025.
2. January 15, 2024, Agenda Setting Minutes.

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

January 30 (Adjudicatory Hearing – PSI Durable Suitability)
February 6 (Public)
February 12 (Agenda)
February 24 (Public)
February 26 (HOLD: DraftKings Adjudicatory Hearing)
February 27 (HOLD: Adjudicatory Hearing)
March 5 (Agenda Setting)
March 13 (Public)
March 19 (Agenda Setting)
March 27 (Public)
March 30 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Durable Suitability)
May 14 (Adjudicatory Hearing – License Renewal)