



**NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA
February 17, 2021**

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.

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

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 936 7778**

PUBLIC MEETING #95

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. February 3, 2021
3. Agenda planning for upcoming Commission Meetings (see attachment)
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, melissa.andrade@state.ma.us.

Friday, February 12, 2021

Cathy/Judd-Stein, Chair

Posted to Website: Friday, February 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION AGENDA PLANNING NOTES	Assigned Person	Documents Due For Books	Potential Commission Meeting*	NOTES
1. Administrative Update	K. Wells		All Agendas	
2. Regulations (will be added per meeting)	T. Grossman		All Agendas	
3. Legislative Updates	T. Grossman J. Griffin C. Howard		All Agendas	
4. Licensee MGM Quarterly Report	J. Delaney	2/22/21	2/25/21	
5. CMF Application Update Review	J. Delaney M. Thurlow T. Perez	2/22/21	2/25/21	
6. CMF – Medford Grant Review	J. Delaney M. Thurlow	2/22/21	2/25/21	VOTE
7. Evaluation – Executive Director	E. O’Brien Commission	2/22/21	2/25/21	
8. Harness Horsemen Assoc. - Pension Plan Review	Dr. Lightbown	2/22/21	2/25/21	
9. Horserace Committee - Split	T. Grossman Dr. Lightbown J. Griffin	2/22/21	2/25/21	VOTE
10. Problem Gambling – Kick Off	M. Vander Linden	2/22/21	2/25/21	
11. MGM 1 Year Public Safety Report	M. Vander Linden	3/8/21	3/11/21	

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12. Encore and 1 Year Public Safety Report	M. Vander Linden	3/22/21	3/25/21	
13. MGC Employee and Vendor Diversity	K. Wells D. Lennon J. Griffin		Under Review	
14. Conference Update	G. Cameron		Under Review	
15. NDA Discussion	K. Wells T. Grossman		Under Review	
16. Internal Audit and Compliance Working Grp. Update & Process	K. Wells		Under Review	
*Assigned meeting dates are to change				



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 3, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 649 1776

Commissioners and Senior Staff Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

Dir. of the IEB Loretta Lillios
Licensing Chief Nakisha Skinner
Dir. of Research and Responsible Gaming
Mark Vander Linden
Executive Director Karen Wells

Chief of Gaming Agents Bruce Band
Chief of Community Affairs Joseph Delaney
Dir. of Workforce, Supplier, and Diversity
Development Jill Griffin
General Counsel Todd Grossman
Chief Financial and Accounting Officer
Derek Lennon
Dir. of Racing Dr. Alexandra Lightbown

Call to Order

Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 94th agenda setting meeting. She noted that given the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the global Coronavirus pandemic, Governor 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, and that in keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission would be conducting this meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

All four commissioners were present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the minutes from the agenda setting meeting of January 20, 2021, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agendas for the upcoming Commission meeting scheduled for February 11, 2021 and subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notes, as follows:

Item #1 – Administrative Update

Ms. Wells recommended keeping this item under review. She noted that as part of this item, there will be an administrative update from an yet undetermined division.

Item #2 – Regulations

Mr. Grossman explained he will not have an item to discuss at the upcoming meeting.

Item #3 – Legislative Updates

Ms. Griffin and Mr. Grossman presented this item and noted that there is a draft in the works of proposed racing legislation to be referred to as chapter 128D. It is close to being ready for review. There was discussion as to how to move forward with this draft. It was suggested that each of the commissioners be briefed so they are fully aware of all the potential issues with the existing statutes. There was also discussion of a February 19th filing deadline.

Item #4 – Budget Update – Gaming Positions – CMF Budget – Legal Litigation Costs

Mr. Lennon will be ready to present this item.

Item #5 – Evaluation - Executive Director

Commissioner O'Brien commented that this item will likely not require a vote. In light of the scheduling of other agenda items, it was suggested that this item be moved to February 25th.

Item #6 –Independent Monitor Update - Second Report

The monitor will be ready to present this item at the next meeting.

Item #7 –Licensee Quarterly Reports

Mr. Delaney reported that the respective licensees (Plainridge Park Casino [“PPC”] and Encore Boston Harbor [“EBH”]) will be able to present their reports at the next meeting.

Ms. Lillios would like to discuss requests for employee registration exemptions, and the scope of the Executive Director’s authority allowing such exemptions. She and Ms. Skinner would like to discuss this item at the next meeting on February 11th.

No other items were brought forward for the meeting on February 11th.

The following items were discussed relative to the meeting on February 25th:

Item #8 – CMF Application Update Review

Mr. Delaney will be ready to present this item. He suggested also discussing Medford’s request to repurpose their grant.

Item #9 – Harness Horsemen Assoc. -Pension Plan Review

Dr. Lightbown will be ready to present, alongside a guest from the horsemen’s association.

Item #10 – Encore 1 Year Public Safety Report

Mr. Vander Linden suggested moving this item to the meeting on February 25th.

Item # 11 – MGM 1 Year Public Safety Report

Mr. Vander Linden suggested moving this item to the meeting on February 25th.

No other items were brought forward for the meeting on February 25th.

The following items identified as being “under review” were discussed as follows:

Item #12 – Employee and Vendor Diversity

Ms. Wells recommended keeping this item under review.

Item #13 – IAGR Conference Update

Commissioner Cameron recommended keeping this under review.

Item #14 – NDA Discussion

Ms. Wells suggested keeping this under review.

Item #15 – Internal Audit and Compliance Working Group Update

Ms. Wells expected being able to give an update on the first quarter in April.

10:45 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.*

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, notice of meeting and agenda dated February 3, 2021
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, agenda planning notes dated February 3, 2021
3. Meeting minutes of the January 20, 2021 agenda setting meeting

/s/ Eileen O'Brien

Secretary