



**NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA
March 25, 2020**

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, March 25, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 383 2134**

PUBLIC MEETING - #73

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. March 4, 2020 – **VOTE**
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.

March 23, 2020

Cathy Judd-Stein, Chair

Date Posted to Website: March 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.



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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. Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update	B. Stebbins	3/22/20	3/26/20	VOTE
4. Legislative Activities Report	J. Delaney Dr. Lightbown	3/22/20	3/26/20	
5. Workforce Development Grant Update	J. Griffin	3/22/20	3/26/20	
6. MA Cultural Mitigation Program RFP Update	J. Griffin	3/22/20	3/26/20	
7. Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies Discussion	G. Cameron E. O'Brien	3/22/20	3/26/20	
8. Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel	Dr. Lightbown	3/22/20	3/26/20	VOTE
9. Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Waiver of Qualifying Race Requirement	Dr. Lightbown	3/22/20	3/26/20	VOTE
10. Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Promotional Fund Consideration	Dr. Lightbown	3/22/20	3/26/20	VOTE
11. Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts (SOM) Recognition Request as Breeder's Representative Group	Dr. Lightbown	3/22/20	3/26/20	VOTE

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12. PPC Handicapping Promotion Fund Use	Dr. Lightbown	3/22/20	3/26/20	VOTE
13. MGM - Qualifier	L. Lillios	3/22/20	3/26/20	VOTE
14. GameSense Impact Report	M. Vander Linden E. Driscoll T. Fiore	3/22/20	3/26/20	
15. Play My Way at Cat. 1 Update	M. Vander Linden	3/22/20	3/26/20	
16. Encore Request to Delay Launch of Play My Way	M. Vander Linden	3/22/20	3/26/20	VOTE
17. Data Storage & Access Report – Demo – Research Page on Website	M. Vander Linden	3/22/20	3/26/20	
18. Update Section 97 – Data Report	M. Vander Linden	3/22/20	3/26/20	
19. Springfield Lottery Impact Study	M. Vander Linden	3/22/20	3/26/20	
20. Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics Update	C. Judd-Stein T. Grossman B. Stebbins	3/22/20	3/26/20	
21. Plainridge Park Racecourse 2020 Live Racing Kick-Off	Dr. Lightbown	3/22/20	3/26/20	
22. Workforce & Vendor Reporting Template	J. Griffin	3/22/20	3/26/20	
23. Region C – Comments - Responses	K. Wells	3/22/20	3/26/20	
24. Everett 6 Month Public Safety Report	M. Vander Linden G. Cameron E. O'Brien	4/6/20	4/9/20	
25. Budget Updates	D. Lennon	4/6/20	4/9/20	

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26. Wynn Independent Monitor 6-Month Baseline Report	C. Judd-Stein	4/6/20	4/9/20	
27. Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (MTBA) Request to Race at Finger Lakes	Dr. Lightbown	4/6/20	4/9/20	
28. Compliance Items Update	K. Wells		Quarterly?	
29. New England Gaming Market Update	E. Zuniga		Under Review	
30. Quarterly Reports	J. Delaney K. Wells		Under Review	
31. Community Mitigation Update	J. Delaney M. Thurlow		Under Review	
*Assigned meeting dates are subject to change				



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: March 4, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Bruce Band
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	John Ziemba
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	Katrina Jagroop-Gomes
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Derek Lennon
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Jill Griffin
Karen Wells	Bill Curtis
Mark Vander Linden	Alexandra Lightbown
Elaine Driscoll	Trupti Banda
Loretta Lillios	Todd Grossman

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein, participating remotely via telephone, called to order the 72nd Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of February 19, 2020, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

<i>Commissioner Zuniga:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Cameron:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Chair Judd-Stein:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner O'Brien:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Stebbins:</i>	<i>Abstained.</i>

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on March 12, 2020)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ms. Wells will determine which division will update the Commission on current projects.

Item #2 – Regulations. There are no regulations up for approval at this time.

Item #3 – Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update. Commissioner Stebbins will present this item for a vote. He will be sending a draft addendum to the staff for review, and then set time aside for discussion per the Chair.

Item #4 –Legislative Activities Report. Mr. Ziemba will have this report ready regarding the status of racing and sports gaming legislation. Dr. Lightbown will join in the presentation. The Chair will accept a verbal report in lieu of materials.

Item #5 – Workforce Development Grant Update. Ms. Griffin will have two guests from Jewish Vocational Services to update highlight the Workforce Training Grant.

Item #6 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies. Commissioners Cameron and O'Brien will have a proposed draft and a memo ready for discussion purposes.

Item #7 – Licensee Quarterly Reports –PPC & Encore. Mr. Ziemba has PPC's report ready and will distribute it to the Commissioners upon receipt on Friday.

Item #8 – GameSense Update Report – PPC & Encore. Commissioner Zuniga will present these reports on behalf of Mr. Vander Linden.

Item #9 – Budget Updates. Mr. Lennon will need to discuss overtime staffing in an executive session ahead of time, so this item will be moved to April 9th Commission meeting for a vote.

Item # 10 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel. Dr. Lightbown will present this request for a vote. Mr. O'Toole will be present.

Item #11 – Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts (SOM) Recognition Request as Breeder's Representative Group. Dr. Lightbown will present this request with a PowerPoint presentation. This request will require a vote.

Item #12 – Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (MTBA) Request to Race at Finger Lakes. Dr. Lightbown will postpone this item until either the first or second meeting in April. This request will require a vote.

Added Item: Dr. Lightbown will request a variance of 205 CMR 3.12(6) that addresses the length of time horses can be out before resuming racing (variance from the 30-day requirement to 45 days). This will require a vote.

Added Item: Dr. Lightbown. PPC would like to request promotional fund use for an event. This item will require a vote. PPC's Director of Racing, Steve O'Toole will be presenting.

Added Item: Ms. Lillios will request approval for a new MGM Qualifier. This item will require a vote.

Added Item: Mr. Lennon, Mr. Band, and the IT Department would like to present a Promotional Gaming Update on the IGT house system calculation of promotional play. This will be part of the administrative update.

Added Item: Ms. Griffin would like to add an agenda item regarding the Gaming Mitigation Program, reporting on a published RFP. There may be a guest speaker.

(Potential Commission Meeting on March 26, 2020)

Item #13 – GameSense Impact. Mr. Vander Linden, Teresa Fiore, and Ms. Driscoll will have this item tentatively ready to present.

Item #14 – Play My Way at Cat. 1. Mr. Vander Linden will have an update ready. As an additional item, "Request by Encore to delay Launch" Encore has requested a delay in their launch date to January 2021. Encore staff will be present to describe the MOU to the Commission for a potential vote.

Item #15 – Date Storage & Access Report. Mr. Vander Linden will have this report ready to discuss the new Massachusetts Open Data Exchange (MODE).

Item #16 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. Mr. Vander Linden will present this report in tandem with the MODE presentation.

Item #17 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Commissioner Stebbins will fill-in for Commissioner Zuniga in the presentation of this item.

Item #18 – Plainridge Park Racecourse 2020 Live Racing Kick-Off. Dr. Lightbown will have this item ready to present.

Item #19 – Region A Gaming School Annual Report. Ms. Griffin and Mr. Curtis will present this item.

Item #20 – Region C – Comments - Responses. Ms. Wells will present this item for discussion.

Added Item: Ms. Griffin would like to present a Workforce and Vendor Reporting Template, which is the tool for a proposed new format for quarterly reporting.

(Potential Commission Meeting on April 9, 2020)

Item #21 – Everett 6 Month Public Safety Report. Commissioners Cameron and O’Brien, and Mr. Vander Linden will have this report with any public comments received for discussion.

Added Item: The Chair added the Independent Monitor’s Six-Month Baseline Report.

(Quarterly)

Item #22 – Compliance Items Update. This item is currently on hold.

(Under Review)

Item #23 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item is currently under review.

10:38 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion.*

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated March 4, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated February 24, 2020
3. Meeting Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary