



**NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA
June 9, 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, June 9, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-973-854-6173
PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 279 7015**

PUBLIC MEETING #103

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes
 - a. May 26, 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.

Monday, June 7, 2021

Cathy Judd-Stein, Chair



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		As Needed	
3. Legislative Updates	T. Grossman J. Griffin C. Howard		As Needed	
4. Budget Review	D. Lennon E. Zuniga	6/10/21	6/17/21	VOTE
5. MGM Transfer of Interest – REIT Threshold Issues	T. Grossman L. Lillios	6/10/21	6/17/21	VOTE
6. Race Horse Development Benefits for Drivers and Jockeys	T. Grossman Dr. Lightbown	6/10/17	6/17/21	VOTE
7. MGC Employee Vendor and Diversity	K. Wells D. Lennon J. Griffin	6/25/21	7/1/21 & Dec.	
8. Responsible Gaming Framework Follow-Up	M. Vander Linden M. Flores-Pajot	6/25/21	7/1/21	
9. ILEV Review Process	E. Zuniga J. Delaney J. Griffin		Under Review	
10. MGM REIT Interim Authorizations	L. Lillios		Under Review	

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*Assigned meeting dates are to change				



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5293
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 113 8070

Commissioners and Senior Staff Present:

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

Call to Order

10:01 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 101st agenda setting meeting. 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 conducted this meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

All four commissioners were present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

10:02 a.m. *Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the minutes from the agenda setting meeting of April 28, 2021, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Zuniga 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 following items were discussed relevant to the upcoming Commission meeting on May 20th, 2021:

Item #1 – Administrative Update

Executive Director Karen Wells explained that for items that need to be voted upon, any accompanying material should be turned into Lead Executive Assistant Maryann Dooley by the previous Monday. She then made note of the upcoming Communications Division update at the next meeting along with the usual update from Gaming Agents Chief Bruce Band and Director of the IEB Loretta Lillios on casino operations. Commissioner Zuniga suggested that Director of Racing Dr. Alexandra Lightbown present to the Commission on best racing practices in light of recent events. Chair Judd-Stein noted she had already asked Dr. Lightbown to speak.

Item #2 – Regulations

General Counsel Todd Grossman informed the Commission that there will be no updates for the next meeting.

Item #3 – Legislative Updates

Director of Diversity and Legislative Affairs Jill Griffin informed the Commission that she has no updates. Chair Judd-Stein wondered if it would be a good idea to expand Community Mitigation Fund (“CMF”) application eligibility to communities who want to capitalize on the presence of casinos. Commissioner Zuniga noted that the CMF review team already unofficially does that. Ms. Griffin added that they keep that in mind for workforce development grants. It was decided that the Commission would discuss this subject fully at a later date.

Item #4 – Regulation Review Update

Commissioner Zuniga will be ready to present for the meeting on May 20th.

Item #5 – Race Horse Development Fund Benefits for Drivers and Jockeys

Dr. Lightbown mentioned that her memorandum for this issue may not be available until a bit later than ideal ahead of the meeting, as she wanted to incorporate public comments and official documents from the Jockey’s Guild and the New England Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (“HBPA”). Commissioner O’Brien suggested Dr. Lightbown prepare her memorandum with the available materials, and if she were to receive public comments after it was prepared, the Commission would have her incorporate them and present at a later date with the revised memorandum. All four commissioners and Dr. Lightbown were amenable to this.

Item #6 – Recognition Request of Standardbred Owners of MA as Breeders’ Representative

Dr. Lightbown will be ready to present this item for the next meeting.

Item #7 – 2021 Harness Meet Update

Dr. Lightbown will be ready to present this item at the next meeting.

Item #20 – Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association Request for Consultation

Dr. Lightbown will be ready to present this item at the next meeting.

Item #8 – Encore and PPC Quarterly Report

Community Affairs Chief Joe Delaney will be ready to present these items at the next meeting.

Item #9 – Community Mitigation Fund Application Review

Chief Delaney will be ready to present the final applications for this meeting. This will necessitate a vote.

Dr. Lightbown stated she would like to discuss the recently passed federal Horse Racing Integrity Act.

Licensing Chief Nakisha Skinner noted that she would like to discuss possible exemptions with additional positions at the new MGM restaurant.

No other items were brought forward for the meeting on May 20th, 2021.

The following items were discussed relative to the meeting on June 3rd, 2021:

Item #13 – PPC Capital Plan

Mr. Delaney suggested coordinating the Plainridge Park Casino (“PPC”) report with the upcoming executive session.

Item #10 – Public Records Process Discussion

Ms. Wells recommended discussing this item at the June 3rd meeting.

Item # 11 – NDA Discussion

Ms. Wells recommended discussing this item at the June 3rd meeting.

Item #12 – Police Reform Bill

Commissioner O’Brien recommended discussing this item at the June 3rd meeting.

Item #14 – Community Mitigation Fund Application Review

Chair Judd-Stein suggested Mr. Delaney summarize all CMF applications. This will not require a vote.

Item #15 – Budget Discussion

Ms. Wells noted that Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Derek Lennon will be ready to discuss this item at the June 3rd meeting.

No other items were brought forward for the meeting on June 3rd, 2021.

The following items were discussed relative to the meeting on June 17th, 2021:

Item #16 – Budget Review

Commissioner Zuniga and Mr. Lennon will be ready to present this item. It will require a vote.

Item #17 – MGC Employee Vendor and Diversity

Ms. Wells will be ready to present this item.

No other items were brought forward for the meeting on June 17th, 2021.

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

Item #18 – Request to Amend PPC Racing COVID Plan to Allow Up to 3 Owners in the Winners’ Circle

Dr. Lightbown recommended keeping this item under review.

Item #19 – Responsible Gaming Framework Follow-Up

Ms. Wells noted that this should stay under review.

Commissioner Zuniga raised the issue of Impacted Live Entertainment Venue (“ILEV”) agreements to be discussed at a later date.

11:03 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner O’Brien made a motion to adjourn.*

Commissioner Zuniga 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 May 12, 2021
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, agenda planning notes for May 12, 2021
3. Minutes of the April 28, 2021 agenda setting meeting