



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

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

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)