Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Agenda Setting
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: **January 21, 2026 – 10:00 A.M. EST**

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 111 440 3209

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 #208 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission") to order at approximately 10:02 A.M.

Quorum was confirmed for the meeting by roll call. The following Commissioners were present at 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 7, 2026

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the minutes from the January 7, 2026 agenda setting meeting, as included in the Commissioners' packet and discussed here today, subject to any corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner O'Brien	*Aye.*
Commissioner Hill	*Aye.*
Commissioner Brodeur	*Aye.*
Commissioner Skinner	*Abstain.*

Chair Maynard *Aye.*

The motion passed 4-0, with one abstention.

3. Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

Chair Maynard prompted everyone to review the upcoming meeting schedule from today through February 26, 2026 and proposed meeting schedule from March 4, 2026 to March 26, 2026. Chair Maynard inquired if any Commissioners had a conflict with the dates, and if any team member needed to request a change or add anything.

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

Items For Public Meeting – January 29, 2026 – 9:30 AM EST

Chair Maynard noted the items on hold below and inquired whether any Commissioners or staff wanted to add or modify any items.

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Brodeur.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill.

Item #4 – Regulations: 205 CMR 149 Final Approval – Interim General Counsel Stempeck stated that Deputy General Counsel Hentoff would be bringing forward an amendment to 205 CMR 250 to clarify the handling of funds that result from wagering by minors and underage youth and align it with the related gaming regulation.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering: DraftKings & Caesars House Rules Update, Fanatics Waiver Request, DraftKings temporary waiver request – Chief Torrisi.

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

Item #7 – Mid Year Budget Update – Chief Financial and Accounting Officer Lennon.

Item #8 – Race Horse Development Fund Benefits for Jockeys – Director Lightbown.

Add-on-Item – Beverage License Amendment for PPC – Director Monahan.

Items For Public Meeting – February 12, 2026 – 10:00 AM EST

Chair Maynard noted the items on hold below and inquired whether any Commissioners or staff wanted to add or modify any items.

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Brodeur.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill.

Item #4 – Regulations – Staff Attorney Birarelli requested that amendments to 205 CMR 101, 205 CMR 238, 205 CMR 134, and 205 CMR 254 be added to this meeting. She explained that the amendments to 205 CMR 101, 205 CMR 238, and 205 CMR 134 were intended to fix incorrect citations and that the amendments to 205 CMR 254 were to provide additional clarity regarding the scope of the regulation.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering: Request to add Esports to the event catalog – Chief Torrisi requested that the Esports discussion be moved to the February 26, 2026 public meeting. She requested that an item be added to clarify the sports wagering catalog language regarding table tennis.

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

Item #7 – Policy determining Qualified Researchers for Section 97 Data – Director Vander Linden.

Item #8 – GameSense Quarterly Update – Director Vander Linden.

Item #9 – Briefing on Community Mitigation Fund Grant Applications Received – Senior Program Manager Thurlow.

Add-on-Item – Administrative Appeals Summary for 2025 – Staff Attorney Birarelli.

Items For Public Meeting – February 26, 2026 – 10:00 AM EST

Chair Maynard noted the items on hold below and inquired whether any Commissioners or staff wanted to add or modify any items.

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Brodeur.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill.

Item #4 – Regulations – Interim General Counsel Stempeck.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi stated that there would be a discussion regarding VIP programs at this meeting.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters – Director Monahan clarified that there were several non-compliance matters coming before the Commission at this meeting.

Item #7 – Quarterly Reports – Senior Program Manager Thurlow stated that the gaming establishments' quarterly reports would require an executive session for each gaming establishment regarding capital expenditures.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Chair Maynard noted the items below and inquired whether any Commissioners or staff wanted to add or remove any items. He received no response.

Item #1 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O'Brien and Interim General Counsel Stempeck.

Item #2 – Discussion of Illegal Markets – Commissioner O'Brien, Commissioner Skinner, Executive Director Serpa and Interim General Counsel Stempeck.

Item #3 – Update on GameSense branding/public service announcement for legal operators – Commissioner Skinner, Commissioner O'Brien and Director Vander Linden.

4. Commissioner Updates

None.

5. Other Business

Having no further business, Commissioner Brodeur moved to adjourn. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner O'Brien *Aye.*
Commissioner Hill *Aye.*
Commissioner Brodeur *Aye.*
Commissioner Skinner *Aye.*
Chair Maynard *Aye.*

The motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:16 A.M.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated January 16, 2026.
2. January 7, 2026 Agenda Setting Minutes

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

January 29 (Public Meeting)
February 2 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Individual Qualifier)
February 4 (Agenda)

February 11 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Bally's Durable Suitability)
February 12 (Public Meeting)
February 18 (Agenda)
February 23 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Individual Qualifier)
February 26 (Public Meeting)