



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: January 5, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 112 680 4014

Call to Order

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order agenda setting meeting #114 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”).

The Chair confirmed a quorum for the meeting by roll call. The following Commissioners were present for the meeting:

*Chair Cathy Judd-Stein
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Eileen O’Brien
Commissioner Bradford R. Hill*

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agendas for the upcoming Commission meeting scheduled for January 12, 2022, and subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notice, as follows:

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Wells stated that there would be two updates given at the January 12 meeting: an onsite casino update from Bruce Band; and an update on Gaming Agents working within gaming establishments, and the Return-to-Work plan for Boston office.

Item #2 – Regulations– General Counsel Grossman indicated there is one regulation in need of public review by the Commission. Attorney Torrisi explained that while it is not within the regulation specifically, there is a rule change for Pai Gow Poker for inclusion on the Agenda for the January 12 meeting.

Item #3 – Legislative Updates –Ms. Howard stated that a Legislative update will not occur at the next meeting.

Item #4 – Covid-19 Update and Office Reopening– Ms. Wells confirmed that this matter will go forward at the January 12 meeting as discussed above.

Item #5 – Procurement Process Review – Ms. Wells confirmed that a brief update on this item will be provided to the Commission at the January 12 meeting.

Add-on-Item – Hiring Authority – Ms. Wells would like to provide the Commission with a brief update on the progress of this issue on January 12.

Add-on Item – Racing Division – Racing Quarterly Local Aid – Dr. Lightbown confirmed this item was ready for discussion at the January 12 meeting.

Add-on Item – Community Affairs Division – East Broadway Development – Division Chief Delaney would like to invite licensee, Wynn Resorts to attend the January 12 meeting and give a brief presentation on this project. He anticipates future discussions about this topic to be held in a public hearing format, to accept public input.

Items For Future Meetings – January 27, 2022

Item #6 – CMF Reserve Applications – Community Affairs Division – Ms. Thurlow stated that the Community Affairs Division received three applications for funding and would provide details on them at the January 27 meeting.

Item #7 – Suitability Review Process – Chair Judd-Stein and Commissioner O’Brien will discuss the Suitability Review Process with General Counsel Grossman, Director of the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB), Loretta Lillios, as well as Ms. Heather Hall on January 27.

Item #8 – Review of Casino Non-Compliance Penalties – Director Lillios stated that this item may need to stay under review until February.

Item #9 – Covid Impacts Report – Director Vander Linden requested that this item be moved to the February 10 meeting.

Item #10 – Racing Division – Racing Quarterly Local Aid – *(moved to Agenda for January 12 meeting. See above.)*

Add-on Item – DUI Report – Director Vander Linden estimated the DUI report should be ready to present to the Commission by the January 27 meeting.

Item #11 – Executive Director Annual Review – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed that the review is set to occur on January 27.

Add-on item – Racing Division – Lost/Unclaimed Tickets Dr. Lightbown confirmed this item was ready to go forward at the January 27 meeting. She stated that she would be seeking authorization from the Finance Division to redistribute those funds.

Add-on Item – Mid-Term Finance Review – Chief Financial and Accounting Officer Derek Lennon confirmed he would give an updated presentation to the Commission in February.

Additional Items Under Review:

Chair Judd-Stein and Ms. Howard confirmed the second public meeting scheduled for February 24, 2022, would be moved given the Mid-Winter break for Massachusetts schools. It has been rescheduled for March 3, 2022.

Item #12 – Gambling Advertising – Director Vander Linden indicated that this agenda item would be ready for discussion at a February public meeting.

Item #13 – DUI Report – *(moved to Agenda for January 27 meeting. See above.)*

Item #14 – Racing Division – Lost/Unclaimed Tickets – *(moved to Agenda for January 27 meeting. See above.)*

Item # 15 – Responsible Gaming Framework Follow Up – Director Vander Linden requested to keep this item under review at this time.

Item #16 – ILEV Review Process – Mr. Delaney stated that this item should remain under review for the time being.

Item #17 – MA Cultural Council Report – Chair Judd-Stein stated that this agenda item be held for date in February, depending on the availability of the Executive Director of the Council.

Add-on Item – Community Affairs Division – Quarterly Licensee Reports – Division Chief Delaney would also like to begin the Quarterly Report presentations beginning on February 10 meeting. He anticipated also needing three executive sessions for discussion of each of the licensee’s capital expenditures and improvements made in Quarter 4.

Having no further business, Commissioner Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote to Adjourn:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated January 3, 2022