



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 14, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5293
PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 621 2889

Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Bruce Band
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Mark Vander Linden
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	Joe Delaney
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Katrina Jagroop-Gomes
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Todd Grossman
Jill Griffin	Alexandra Lightbown
Karen Wells	Loretta Lillios
Sarah Magazine	Derek Lennon

Call to Order

9:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 87th 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 will conduct a public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

The Chair confirmed a quorum for the meeting by Roll Call:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.
Commissioner O'Brien Aye.
Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.
Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

Approval of Minutes

9:03 a.m. *Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of September 30, 2020, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.*
Roll call vote:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.
Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on October 22)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Executive Director Wells will provide an update with I.E.B. Interim Director Loretta Lillios and I.E.B. Assistant Director Bruce Band on casino compliance with COVID-19 measures.

Item #2 – Regulations. Regulations up for approval are listed below as Item #3 and Item #5.

Item #3 – Regulations for the Community Mitigation Fund. Associate General Counsel Carrie Torrisi will present initial draft regulation 205 CMR 153.00: Community Mitigation Fund, to the Commission. Division of Community Affairs Chief Joe Delaney and Program Manager Mary Thurlow will join.

Item #4 – Community Mitigation Fund Policy & Initial Draft Guidelines 2021 Discussion. Mr. Delaney and Ms. Thurlow will have this item ready to present. Policy questions will be discussed at length.

Item #5 – Amendment Regulation Voluntary Self-Exclusion. Ms. Torrisi will present the initial draft of this amendment to the Commission for a vote. Research and Responsible Gaming Director Mark Vander Linden and Program Manager Teresa Fiore will join.

Item #6 – Racing – Quarterly Aid Payments. Financial Analyst Chad Bourque stated that this item will be ready for the Commission's vote.

Added item. – P.P.C. Request for Approval of Fill-In Judge. Racing Director Dr. Alex Lightbown stated that P.P.C. will be requesting approval for a new fill-in judge. This item will require a vote.

Item #7 – Licensee Operational Goods and Services Plan. Ms. Griffin stated that the Commission should review both this plan and the Tourism Plan for P.P.C. at the November 5th meeting. Both items will require a vote.

Item #8 – Internal Control Officer Designation. Ms. Wells will be preparing a memo for this item, which will be ready to present.

(Potential Commission Meeting on November 5)

Item #9 – 2021 Racing Applications. Dr. Lightbown will have the P.P.C. Racing Application ready for discussion and a vote required by November 15.

Item #10 – Licensee Quarterly Report. This item will be ready to present for M.G.M. and P.P.C.

(Potential Commission Meeting on November 19)

Item # 11 – Licensee Quarterly Report. This item will be ready to present for Encore.

(Under Review)

Item #12 – Licensee Tourism Plan. This item will be ready for a vote at the November 5th Commission meeting (see Item #7).

Item #13 – Encore Construction Report. This item is under review; tentatively scheduled for review at the December 3rd Commission meeting.

Item #14 – Encore 1-Year Public Safety Report. This item is in process and will remain under review at this time. Mr. Vander Linden will keep the Commission updated.

Item #15 – Community Mitigation Guidelines. Mr. Delaney and Program Manager Mary Thurlow added this item for a vote on November 19.

Item #16 – Juvenile Records Review Update. This item is currently under review.

Item #17 – Review of M.G.C. Enhanced code of Ethics Update. This item is currently under review.

Item #18 – Status Update – Independent Directors Gaming Vendor Primary. This item is currently under review.

Added Item: Update on Legislative Filings. This item is under review, tentatively for discussion at a Commission meeting in November, to determine a strategy for outreach on legislation. The Chair requested a comprehensive review of outstanding legislation and asked for a document or spreadsheet informing the Commission of these filings' status.

Item #19 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Promotional Fund Consideration. This item is currently under review.

Item #20 – Annual Report – DRAFT Review. Commissioner Zuniga stated that he might ask the Commission for input on some items that have surfaced through the report's editing process. He will incorporate this item into his update next week.

Added Item: Follow-Up from the E&I working group. This item is in process and may potentially be ready to present at the November 19th Commission meeting.

9:37 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Stebbins made a motion to adjourn.*

Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.

Commissioner Stebbins: 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 October 14, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes
3. Meeting Minutes of the September 30, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins

Secretary