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**Massachusetts Gaming Commission**  
**Agenda Setting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Date/Time:** October 16, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. EST

**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292  
MEETING ID: 111 895 5365

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**

Interim Chair Maynard was not present at the meeting. Commissioner Hill presided over the meeting, and called Agenda Setting Meeting #179 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”) to order at 10:04 A.M.

***Quorum was confirmed for the meeting by roll call. The following Commissioners were present at the meeting:***

*Commissioner Eileen O’Brien*  
*Commissioner Bradford R. Hill*  
*Commissioner Nakisha Skinner*

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

a. October 2, 2024

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the minutes from the October 2, 2024 agenda setting meeting, included in the meeting packet subject to necessary edits 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>

*The motion passed 3-0.*

### 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 – October 24, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – This item was confirmed by Executive Director Serpa. He noted that there would be a casino update from Gaming Agents Division Chief Burke Cain.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed no minutes would be presented on this date.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill noted that this agenda item would not be necessary.

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck noted that 205 CMR 238.12 was on the agenda but could be moved as Commissioner Skinner would not be present at the meeting. Commissioner Skinner requested that the regulation be brought forward at the November 7<sup>th</sup> public meeting. *This item was ultimately moved to the November 7<sup>th</sup> public meeting.*

Item #5– Sports Wagering – Director Torrisi noted that the Division would be bringing forward amendments to PPC’s House Rules.

Item #6 – Integrated Report from the SEIGMA Team – Director Vander Linden confirmed that this item would go forward for discussion at the October 24, 2024 meeting.

Item #7– GameSense Quarterly Report – Director Vander Linden confirmed that this item was ready to be presented on October 24, 2024.

Item #8 – IEB – RSM Statement of work and Non-Compliance Matters – IEB Director Monahan confirmed an agenda item for the discussion of an amendment to RSM’s statement of work. She additionally confirmed an agenda item for discussion of two sports wagering non-compliance matters. Commissioner Skinner noted that this item could move forward in her absence from this meeting.

Item #9 – Finance Division – Q1 Budget – CFAO Lennon confirmed that the Division’s presentation of the Q1 Budget Update would occur at the October 24, 2024 public meeting.

Item #10 – PPC Renewal Procedure Discussion – Community Affairs Division – Deputy General Counsel Justin Stempeck confirmed this item on behalf of Chief Delaney. He noted that he would provide a short presentation and memorandum for Commissioners to review in advance of the meeting.

## Items For Public Meeting – November 7, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – This item was confirmed by Executive Director Serpa. He confirmed that the Division of Research and Responsible Gaming would provide an overview and discussion of the Safe Bet Act.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed that the following minutes would come forward on November 7, 2024: August 1, 2023; August 17, 2023; and August 18, 2023.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill noted that this agenda item would not go forward.

Item #4 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman noted that 205 CMR 107 would likely come forward on this date. Deputy General Counsel Stempeck noted that 205 CMR 238.12 would also be moved to this meeting date from October 24, 2024.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Director Torrisi stated that the Division would have a short discussion on sports wagering operators' compliance to 205 CMR 257.

Add-on Item – Final Vote of Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines – Chief Delaney confirmed an agenda item for the Commission's review and finalization of the 2025 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines.

Item #6 – Gaming Licensee Quarterly Reports – Chief Delaney noted that the Licensees' Quarterly Reports would be presented at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Add-on Item – Procurement Threshold Discussion – CFAO Lennon confirmed that this item, that was previously under review, could go forward on November 7, 2024.

Add-on Item – Executive Session – Collective Bargaining Agreement – Deputy General Counsel Hentoff requested an executive session for an update on the collective bargaining agreement being drafted. She anticipated the session would take approximately 30 minutes.

Add-on Item – Racing Division – 2023 Annual Report – Director Lightbown requested addition of the 2023 Annual Report for the Racing Division.

## Items For Public Meeting – November 20, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – This item was confirmed by Executive Director Serpa.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed that minutes would come forward at this meeting.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill noted that this agenda item would not be necessary.

Item #4 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman noted that no regulations were anticipated on this date.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Director Torrissi requested that the Seal of Approval Rollout Update under review be added to this meeting’s agenda. Director Torrissi confirmed that she would work with Commissioner O’Brien on the roll out plan prior to the meeting.

Item #6 – Sports Wagering Kiosk Study – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item and estimated that it would take approximately 30 minutes.

Item #7 – Follow up on Wager Limitations – Executive Director Serpa confirmed this item and noted that staff was working to prepare for this discussion.

Add-on Item – Quarterly Reports – Chief Delaney requested 60 minutes for the presentation of three quarterly reports from the Gaming Licensees. *This item was moved from the November 7, 2024 public meeting agenda.*

#### Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #1 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed that this agenda item would remain under review.

Item #2 – HCA Compliance Update (All Properties) – Commissioner Skinner and Chief Delaney confirmed that this item would remain under review. He anticipated an update would occur before the end of the year.

Item #3 – DPH Report – Equity Pillars & Problem Gambling – Commissioner O’Brien stated that a meeting would occur on October 30, 2024. She anticipated that a discussion would be held at a public meeting in late November or December.

Item #4 – Procurement Threshold Discussion – *This item was moved to the November 7, 2024 agenda.*

Item #5 – Discussion of Illegal Markets – Commissioner Skinner confirmed that this item would remain under review. Commissioner O’Brien agreed.

Item #6 – Possible Adoption of Blocking Software – Director Vander Linden requested that this item remain under review.

Item #7 – Bally’s 90 Day Audit – IT Division – Compliance Manager Tavares requested that this item remain under review, as the IT Division was still reviewing the audit.

Item #8 – MGC Seal of Approval Roll Out Plan – *This item was moved to the November 20, 2024 agenda.*

Item #9 – Responsible Gaming Framework Update Discussion – Director Vander Linden requested that this item remain under review.

Item #10 – MGM Springfield – Multi-year Cap-ex Plan – Chief Delaney requested that this item remain under review.

Item #11 – Early Economic Impacts of Sports Betting in the Commonwealth – Director Vander Linden and Research Manager Andrews requested that this item remain under review.

Item #13 – Limiting Discussion Follow-up – *This item was moved to the November 20, 2024, public meeting.*

Item #12 – Sports Wagering – Compliance Update Reports – Director Torrisi requested that this item remain under review.

#### **4. Commissioner Updates**

Commissioners had no updates to share at this meeting.

#### **5. Other Business**

Hearing no further business, Commissioner O’Brien moved to adjourn. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Commissioner O’Brien            Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner        Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill            Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 A.M.*

#### **List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. [Notice of Meeting & Agenda](#), dated October 11, 2024
2. October 2, 2024, Agenda Setting Minutes

#### **FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:**

October 2 (Agenda Setting)  
October 2 (Public)  
October 10 (Public)  
October 16 (Agenda Setting)  
October 24 (Public)  
October 29 (Public Hearing – Plainville MA)  
October 31 (Agenda Setting)  
November 7 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Plainville Gaming & Racing)

November 7 (Public)  
November 13 – Agenda Setting  
November 14 (Community Site Visit – Holyoke Community College)  
November 20 – (Public)  
November 21 and 22 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Draft Kings Durable Suitability)  
November 26 (Agenda Setting)

Proposed Meeting Dates\*

December 5 (Public)  
December 11 (Agenda Setting)  
December 16 (Public)  
December 30 (Agenda Setting)  
January 9 (Public)  
January 15 (Agenda Setting)  
January 23 (Public)  
January 24 (Agenda Setting)