



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 2, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Loretta Lillios
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	Bruce Band
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Katrina Jagroop-Gomes
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	John Ziemba
Jill Griffin	Trupti Banda
Alexandra Lightbown	Elaine Driscoll
Karen Wells	

Absent: Commissioner Gayle Cameron

**Some items below have been omitted, as they were entered in error on the posted agenda setting notes.*

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 62nd Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

There will be a vote on the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of September 18, 2019, at the next Agenda Setting meeting.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on October 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ed Bedrosian will have an administrative update.

Item #2 – Regulations. The legal division will bring three draft regulation updates regarding Junkets, Voluntary Self-Exclusion, and several amendments to the Licensing regulation to the Commission for a vote to begin the promulgation process.

On the potential November 7th Commission meeting, the legal division will bring several draft racing regulation updates to the Commission for a vote to begin the promulgation process.

Item #5 – FY21 Community Mitigation Fund Application Guidelines Review. Mr. Ziemba will have this item ready to present at this meeting.

Item #10 – Plainridge Park Casino License Renewal Process Discussion. Commissioner Zuniga will have a full report for this meeting. Ms. Wells requested to meet with Commissioners regarding the required suitability investigations. If regulations are needed, the promulgation should begin by late fall. The Commission will reserve the right to vote on the suitability requirement question.

Item #11 – SEIGMA Contract Award. Mr. Vander Linden may have materials prepared for a vote.

Item #12 – GameSense Procurement Update. This item will be scheduled, tentatively, for the October 24th Commission meeting for a vote.

Item #13 – Construction Diversity Best Practices Report. Ms. Griffin will have this report and a PowerPoint presentation prepared.

Item #14 – MA Gaming Commission FY19 Budget Closeout and FY20 1st Quarter Report. Derek Lennon will have this report prepared for the presentation.

Item # 15 – Local Community Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee Appointments. Mr. Ziemba should have this ready. Commission appointments to the subcommittee meetings will be selected at this meeting – Change the title of this item to Subcommittee Appointees.

Item #16 – Holyoke Community College Workforce Grant Request. This item may be rescheduled to the October 24th Commission meeting.

Item #17 – Racing Update. Mr. Bedrosian will provide an update.

Item #18 – Category 1 Licensees Play Management Update. Mr. Vander Linden, Ms. Jagroop-Gomes, and Scott Helwig will have this update ready for presentation.

Item #19 – Encore Boston Harbor 90-Day Commitments. Mr. Ziemba and Joe Delaney will have this item ready for a brief discussion.

(Potential Commission Meeting on October 24, 2019)

See Item #'s 12 and 16.

(Potential Commission Meeting on November 7, 2019, in Plainville, MA)

Item #21 – Plainridge Park Casino Quarterly Report. Mr. Ziemba will have this report ready.

Item #22 – 2020 Racing Applications. Dr. Lightbown will have the Plainridge application ready for a vote.

Item #23 – Racing 2018 Annual Report. Dr. Lightbown will update the Commission on Suffolk Downs.

Item #24 – Racing Legislation Update. Catherine Blue and Dr. Lightbown will present this update. Commissioner Stebbins requests that stakeholders review the bill for any updates needed to refine and have the Commission endorse it before it is sent to the legislature.

Item #25 – NEHBPA Pension Fund Update. Dr. Lightbown will have this item ready with guest speakers from the NEHBPA also presenting.

Item #26 – Year 3 Plainridge Park Casino Operations Report/Town of Plainville Economic Impact. Mr. Vander Linden will have this report ready to present.

Item #27 – Town of Plainville and Surrounding Communities Public Safety Report – 3 & 4-Year Follow-Up. Mr. Vander Linden will have this report ready with guest speaker Christopher Bruce also presenting.

Item #28 – MGM Springfield 8-Month Public Safety Report. Mr. Vander Linden will have this report ready for review.

Item #29 – Encore Boston Harbor Baseline Public Safety Report. Mr. Vander Linden will have this report ready.

(Potential Commission Meeting on November 21, 2019)

Item #30 – Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update. Commissioner Stebbins will have this item ready to present.

(Potential Commission Meeting on December 5, 2019)

Item #31 – Community Mitigation Fund Final Guidelines. Commissioner Ziemba will present the guidelines for a vote.

(Under Review)

Item #32 – Gambling Behavior, Risk Factors for Problem Gambling and Public Health Recommendations: A Pilot Study in Boston’s Chinatown. Commissioner Zuniga stated that this item is ready but subject to review by constituents. The Chair requested that Mr. Vander Linden present this at the November 21st Commission meeting.

Item #34 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item is in progress.

Item #35 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies. Commissioner O’Brien would like this item on the agenda for the December 5th Commission meeting.

Item #36 – Minority Equity Participation. Commissioner Stebbins reported that Director Griffin had connected us with contacts at MassPort. Plan is for a November event.

Item #37 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. The Chair would like this item on the agenda for the December 5th Commission meeting.

Item #38 – MGC 2019 Annual Report. This item is in progress. Estimated time of completion is November.

Item #39 – Licensee Quarterly Reports – MGM, PPC & Encore. See Item #21.

Item #40 – Region C Follow-Up. This item will be added to the agenda for the October 24th Commission meeting for discussion of issues. The Commission will reserve the right to vote on this potentially.

Additional Items:

1. The Chair would like to add an executive session to the October 24th Commission meeting.
2. The Chair asked that Dr. Lightbown include Spirit of America day in her presentation at the November 7th Commission meeting.
3. Ms. Griffin would like to present a VBE spotlight at the November 7th Commission meeting in Plainridge with a Plainridge vendor guest speaker.
4. Mr. Ziemba may have the MGM and Encore quarterly reports ready for review at the November 21st Commission meeting.

11:00 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Stebbins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated October 16, 2019
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated October 10, 2019
3. Meeting Minutes of the September 18, 2019 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary

