
Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Meeting Minutes



Date/Time: October 21, 2025, 11:00 a.m.
Place: Plainville Town Hall
190 South Street
Plainville, MA 02762

The Commission conducted this public meeting in person at Plainville Town Hall.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Paul Brodeur

1. [Call to Order](#) (0:17)

Chair Jordan Maynard called to order the 569th Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). All five commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Legal](#) (0:51)

a. [Discussion and approval of DraftKings choice of independent, third-party auditor as required by the Commission's July 7, 2025 Non-Compliance Decision](#) (2:08)

Interim General Counsel Justin Stempeck presented DraftKings's audit plan for the Commission's approval in connection with the noncompliance decision which involved the unauthorized use of credit cards. He stated that the letter from DraftKings's solicited auditor, RubinBrown, LLP, was sent to the Commissioners for review.

Commissioner O'Brien asked about the three definitions listed in the letter. Interim General Counsel Stempeck stated that the definitions were consistent in the context of the Commission's decision.

Commissioner Skinner asked about the reputability of the auditing firm. DraftKings Chief Compliance Officer Jen Aguiar stated that the firm had experience in the gaming industry, and DraftKings had used them before for several audits. Commissioner Skinner asked if this was the

first time that DraftKings used them for this type of engagement. Ms. Aguiar stated that was correct.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve RubinBrown, LLP as the independent third-party auditor for Crown MA Gaming, LLC, doing business as DraftKings, as required by the conditions stipulated within the Commissions July 24, 2025, non-compliance decision and further that the auditor complete their work within 90 days from the date of their retention. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Commissioner O'Brien asked for clarification on the date of retention. Interim General Counsel Stempeck clarified that the date of retention was the date of the vote, October 21, 2025.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

Commissioner Brouder: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b. Review of DraftKings' corrective action plan as required by the Commission's July 7, 2025 Non-Compliance Decision (6:25)

Interim General Counsel Stempeck stated that the corrective action plan, also required to be submitted by DraftKings pursuant to the noncompliance decision, was not ready for discussion and suggested that the Commission wait for a completed draft and discuss at a later date.

Counsel for DraftKings Tony Starr requested another week or ten (10) days to work with DraftKings to finalize the plan and submit it to the Commission.

Chair Maynard asked Interim General Counsel Stempeck to confirm that the 90-day requirement did not pertain to the plan. Interim General Counsel Stempeck stated that the Chair was correct.

Commissioner O'Brien asked that the plan be submitted by Monday, November 2nd. The Commissioners agreed on this date.

3. Public Hearing on Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC application for license to hold/ or conduct a racing meeting.(9:47)

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission had convened this public meeting and public hearing relative to an application submitted by Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC (PGR) for a License to Hold or Conduct a Racing Meeting for calendar year 2026 in Plainville, MA. He added that the hearing was being held in accordance with G.L. c. 128A, § 3 and G.L. c.30A, § 20. The Chair explained that public input would be a factor that the Commission would evaluate in making the final award of the license. The hearing was intended to afford an opportunity to

offer input and comment on the application to any entity or member of the public who is interested. The Chair added that written comments would also be taken into consideration.

The applicant, represented by General Manager Steve O’Toole, presented some highlights from the previous season and the strengths of his team. He stated that 2026 would represent the 28th season of horseracing at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC).

a. Public Input (18:43)

Chair Maynard explained that members of the public would be called up to speak in the order in which they had signed up.

Plainville Town Administrator Brian Noble praised the PGR team and expressed support for the application, noting that no complaints had been received from the public.

Resident and Plainville Select Board Member Jeff Johnson recommended the approval of the application. He described the community’s long history of farming and the pride taken in horseracing, emphasizing that PGR provided entertainment and jobs for the area.

Plainville Fire Department Chief Robert Skinner voiced the Fire Department’s support for the PGR application.

President of the Harness Horsemen's Association of New England Bob McHugh spoke in favor of the application and discussed ongoing marketing efforts and collaboration with breeders and trainers. Commissioner O’Brien highlighted the importance of enhanced marketing efforts.

Vice President of the Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts (SOM) George Ducharme expressed his full support of the application.

Resident and Plainville Conservation Board Member Dale Bergivine voiced his support for the license.

Plainville Police Officer Chad Cerce stated that the Police Department did not have many issues at PPC and added that any issues typically resolved themselves through the strong partnership between the Police Department and Steve O’Toole. He stated that the Plainville Police Department was in support of the application.

Chair Maynard stated that, seeing no additional participants and hearing no other request to provide substantive comments to the Commission regarding PGR’s Racing Application, the hearing would be closed.

Commissioner Brouder moved to adjourn. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.
Commissioner Brouder: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Public Hearing and Agenda](#) dated October 3, 2025.
 2. [2026 Plainridge Park Racing Application \(Redacted\)](#) dated September 30, 2025.
 3. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#) dated October 17, 2025.
 4. Letter from RubinBrown LLP.
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