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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** October 27, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. EST

**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292  
MEETING ID: 112 399 4503

### Call to Order

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order agenda setting meeting #110 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 agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting scheduled for November 4, 2021, and subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notice, as follows:*

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Wells shared that there were two updates to present at the November 4th meeting: onsite casino operations update from Director Band and IEB Field Manager, Burke Cain; and an update on the Return-to-Work plan for the Boston office.

Item #2 – Regulations– General Counsel Grossman indicated there are no regulations to bring before the Commission at the next public meeting.

Item #3 – Legislative Updates – This item will not be presented at the next public meeting.

Item #4 – Gambling Harms & The Prevention Paradox in MA – Division of Research & Responsible Gaming & SEIGMA – Director Vander Linden confirmed that this item would

likely be ready for inclusion at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the report ready for dissemination in advance of the meeting, as well as a slide deck included in the Commissioner's packet. Dr. Rachel Volberg is confirmed to attend.

Item #5 – Suitability Review Process – Director Lillios would appreciate moving this item to the next meeting, November 18<sup>th</sup> so that Commissioner O'Brien and Chair Judd-Stein have enough time with the materials after an internal meeting occurring earlier in the month.

Item #6 – Community Affairs Division – Quarterly Licensee Reports – Division Chief Delaney confirmed that the Division was prepared for Quarterly Report presentations from licensee Encore Boston Harbor on November 4<sup>th</sup> and licensees PPC and MGM Springfield November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Add-on Item – Community Affairs Division – Community Mitigation Fund–Division Chief Delaney stated he would be seeking a vote on two reserve applications from the Town of Agawam, and Foxboro, at the November 4<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

Item #7 – Finance Division – Chief Financial and Accounting Officer Lennon will provide a report on the first quarterly budget update for Fiscal Year 2022 at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Add-on Item #8 –Racing Division – Dr. Lightbown requested an agenda item for a report from Steve O'Toole, Director of Racing at Plainridge Park, seeking a vote of approval to re-schedule racing dates.

Add- on Item – Commissioner's Update – Recognition of Former Commissioner Enrique Zuniga – Chair Judd-Stein requested this item be included towards the end of the meeting to accommodate Former Commissioner Zuniga's schedule.

[Additional Items for a Meeting TBD \[prior to November 15, 2021\]:](#)

Item #8 – Live Racing Applications– Chair Judd-Stein inquired about the status of the two applications: one from Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC; and one from Sturbridge Equine and Agricultural Center, LLC (“SEAC”) Dr. Lightbown confirmed the public hearing for SEAC was scheduled on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4 pm to 7 pm in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. A virtual public hearing will follow on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm. The [virtual] adjudicatory hearing is November 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 3 pm.

Dr. Lightbown confirmed the public hearing for Plainville was virtual and scheduled on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm. The adjudicatory hearing is November 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 4pm, and will be conducted remotely.

[Additional Items for Future Meetings: November 18, 2021](#)

Item #9 – Community Affairs Division – Quarterly Licensee Reports – Division Chief Delaney stated that the Division was prepared for Quarterly Report presentations from licensees PPC and MGM Springfield.

Item #10 – Community Mitigation Fund Final Guidelines – Community Affairs Division – Division Chief Delaney stated he would be seeking a vote on the finalized Community Mitigation Fund guidelines at the November 18<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

Item #11 – Asian CARES Report – Director Vander Linden confirmed that this item is ready for presentation at the November 18<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

#### Additional Items Under Review:

Item # 12 – Responsible Gaming Framework Follow Up – Director Vander Linden requested to keep this item under review at this time.

Item #13 – Review of Casino Non-Compliance Penalties – Director Lillios requested that this item remain under review for the time being.

Item #14 – ILEV Review Process – Mr. Delaney requested that this item should remain under review until he, Commissioner Hill, and General Counsel Grossman can meet internally.

Item #15 – MA Cultural Council Report – Chair Judd-Stein requested that this agenda item be held under review until sometime in December, depending on the availability of the Executive Director, Michael Bobbitt.

Item #16 – Gambling Advertising – Division of Research & Responsible Gaming – Director Vander Linden asked to add this item under review for the time being.

Add-on Item–Equity and Inclusion Update – Executive Director Wells requested that this item be added to the under review section for the time being, with an update to be provided at later a public meeting.

*Having no further business, Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hill seconded.*

*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. Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated October 25, 2021