Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: **October 29, 2024, 11:00 a.m.**
Place: **Plainville Town Hall, Public Safety Training Room**
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

1. Call to Order (0:00)

Chair Jordan Maynard called to order the Public Hearing relative to the Application for a License to Hold or Conduct a Racing Meeting for Calendar Year 2025, submitted by Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC ("PGR").

Chair Maynard 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. He added that written comments would also be taken into consideration. He stated that the hearing was being held in accordance with G.L. c. 128A, § 3 and G.L. c.30A, § 20.

The applicant, represented by General Manager Steve O'Toole, presented highlights from the previous racing season, including simulcasting and community involvement. He stated that 2025 would represent the 27th season of horseracing at Plainridge Park Casino ("PPC").

2. Public Input (8:36)

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

Secretary and Treasurer of the Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts ("SOM") Nancy Longobardi highlighted high levels of participation from the track and its officials. She stated that she supported the application. Commissioner Hill thanked Ms. Longobardi for the informative tour she gave to Commissioners earlier in the year.

Resident and Plainville Conservation Board Member Dale Bergivine voiced his support for the license to be issued to PGR.

Plainville Police Department Chief James Floyd explained that the racecourse at Plainridge had been a cornerstone of the community, both financially and interpersonally.

Plainville Town Administrator Brian Noble praised the PGR team, stating that they pose no financial or public safety burden to the town. He noted that no complaints had been received from the public. He expressed his support for the approval of PGR's license.

Plainville Fire Department Deputy Chief Daniel Moore gave his full endorsement of the license.

Resident and Plainville Select Board Member Jeff Johnson stated that PGR was a wonderful community partner, and he endorsed the application.

General Manager O'Toole provided a closing statement, emphasizing the long-standing experience and commitment of his team of employees.

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

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda dated October 21, 2024.
2. 2025 Racing Application (Redacted) dated September 30, 2024.