



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 9, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
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The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. Use of this technology was intended to ensure an adequate, alternative means of public access to the Commission's deliberations for any interested member of the public.

Commissioners Present:

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

1. [Call to Order](#) (00:00)

Chair Maynard called to order the 567th Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five Commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Meeting Minutes](#) (00:34)

The minutes from the May 9, 2024, May 23, 2024, September 9, 2025, and September 11, 2025 public meetings were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 5 through 41.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the minutes from the following public meetings, as included in the Commissioners' Packet, subject to necessary corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters: May 9, 2024 and May 23, 2024. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Commissioner Skinner noted that she was not present at the public meeting on May 9, 2024. Commissioner O'Brien moved to amend the motion to only cover the May 9, 2024 public meeting. Commissioner Skinner seconded the amendment and Commissioner Brodeur accepted the amendment.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Abstain.
Commissioner Brodeur: Abstain.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 3-0 with two abstentions.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the minutes from the following public hearing, as included in the Commissioners' Packet subject to necessary corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters: May 23, 2024.

Commissioner O'Brien noted for clarity of the record that the minutes were for a public meeting, not a public hearing. Commissioner O'Brien then seconded the motion.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Abstain.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 4-0 with one abstention.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the minutes from the following public meetings, as included in the Commissioners' Packet subject to necessary corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters: September 9, 2025 and September 11, 2025. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Commissioner Skinner noted that she was included in a roll call vote for the September 9, 2025 meeting and clarified that she was not present for that meeting.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Abstain.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed, 4-0 with one abstention.

3. [Presentation on Sports Wagering VIP Programs](#) (04:59)

Division Chief of Sports Wagering Carrie Torrasi provided an opening statement regarding VIP programs and regulatory guardrails. Chief Torrasi and Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden presented on Sports Wagering Operator VIP Programs with topics

including the following: loyalty programs, VIP programs, tier status and gambling harms, pressure to maintain or increase tier status, summary of Massachusetts operator VIP programs, and a possible regulatory framework. *The Sports Wagering VIP Program presentation was included in the Commissioners' packet on pages 41 through 62.*

Commissioner Hill asked what other jurisdictions regulated VIP programs. Director Vander Linden stated that the United Kingdom had policies that regulated VIP programs but that he was not familiar with any U.S. state that regulated VIP programs. Chief Torrissi stated that she was unaware of any other U.S. state that had a framework addressing VIP programs.

Commissioner Brodeur stated that there was a cause for concern regarding this topic but that he expected more data would be needed before the Commission made a decision. He stated there is a legitimate function where operators use VIP programming to defend market share. He expressed an interest in what is communicated to the customers when a VIP program is offered or incentives are increased. He stated that he would want more information regarding whether requests for responsible gaming services could affect customers' VIP status.

Commissioner Brodeur asked if operators were required to maintain interactions and call logs whenever hosts communicate with VIPs and stated that the interactions should be maintained. Chief Torrissi stated that because the Commission did not yet have a regulatory framework, it was an operator-specific question. She stated that if the Commission established guardrails, it would make sense for the Commission to require that operators maintain interactions and call logs.

Commissioner Brodeur asked if there had been any private litigation regarding VIP programming. Director Vander Linden stated that there had been litigation, including a number of high-profile cases where customers filed suits against sports wagering companies. He stated that those lawsuits would be a good place to look should the Commission choose to develop a framework and regulations regarding VIP programs.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that she would like a more public discussion of the U.K. model. She expressed an interest in knowing more about federal and state privacy protection challenges and other potential statutory hurdles. She stated that she wanted more information regarding the range of gifts and events offered to VIPs. She stated that she wanted more information regarding the amount of responsible gaming training VIP hosts received.

Commissioner O'Brien noted that the Commission previously prohibited third-party marketers from being incentivized by click-retention and expressed concern about whether VIP hosts had similar incentivization. Commissioner Skinner stated that her fellow Commissioners addressed all her comments and requests.

Chair Maynard stated that VIP programs should be for those who can afford to be VIPs and should not be predatory. He stated that the VIP program discussion went hand-in-hand with the conversation regarding operators limiting players. He noted that every Commissioner expressed an interest in ensuring customers are not being preyed upon. He stated that he supported getting the additional data and requests asked for by the other Commissioners. He stated that he looked forward to future conversations on this topic.

4. Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (32:59)

- a. Briefing on noncompliance matter related to Temporary Category 3 Sports Wagering Licensee BetMGM, LLC and discussion regarding next steps. Alleged noncompliance relates to wagers offered by BetMGM on unauthorized events in violation of 205 CMR 247.01(1), 205 CMR 247.01(2)(i) and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog

Enforcement Counsel Nathaniel Kennedy stated that the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (“IEB”) was seeking Commission guidance regarding two similar violations. He explained that BetMGM had offered wagers on two boxing matches governed by the UAE Boxing Commission, a league which was not approved for wagering in Massachusetts. He stated that 79 wagers were placed between June 22, 2025 and August 15, 2025 for a total wager amount of \$1659.56.

Commissioner O’Brien asked if this was the first time operators offered wagers on UAE Boxing Commission events. Counsel Kennedy stated this was the first time UAE Boxing Commission events were offered, but there had been similar incidents when wagers were offered on non-sanctioned events.

Commissioner O’Brien asked why two operators both started offering wagers on sporting events from the same unsanctioned body in the same timeframe. Counsel Kennedy explained that there were different root causes. He stated that BetMGM’s offerings were due to a trader error, whereas DraftKings’ offerings were due to an event sponsor giving them the impression that the events were governed by the British Boxing Commission. Commissioner O’Brien stated that she would want follow-up information regarding the individual that misrepresented who the event sponsor was to DraftKings, information as to whether DraftKings continued to work with that individual, and if other events needed to be reviewed.

Commissioner Brodeur stated that the matter could be referred back to the IEB for a recommendation and asked if that process also involved making the customer whole. Director of the IEB Caitlin Monahan stated that the operator allows winning wagers to stand and refunds lost wagers. She stated that the operators generally have already done that by the time the Commission reviews the matter, so the Commission does not usually have to order the operators to do so. She stated that the Commission could order operators to refund wagers if necessary. She noted that civil administrative penalties were decided on a case-by-case basis. Commissioner Brodeur thanked Director Monahan for the clarification.

Chair Maynard stated that there was not a tradeoff between profit and the penalty amount. He stated that operators should refund the profit and pay a penalty on top of that amount. The Commission reached a consensus to refer this matter back to the IEB for a recommendation.

- b. Briefing on noncompliance matter related to Category 3 Sports Wagering Licensee Crown MA Gaming, LLC d/b/a DraftKings and discussion regarding next steps. Alleged noncompliance relates to wagers offered by DraftKings on unauthorized events in

violation of 205 CMR 247.01(1), 205 CMR 247.01(2)(i) and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog (41:03)

Counsel Kennedy explained that DraftKings offered wagering on three UAE Boxing Commission events. He stated that 406 wagers were placed between August 8, 2025 and August 15, 2025 for a total of \$22,681.72 wagered. The Commission reached a consensus to refer this matter back to the IEB for a recommendation. Commissioner O'Brien reiterated that she wanted to know more details about the individual or entity that made representations to DraftKings about the governing bodies for these events.

c. Overview of Durable Suitability Investigation process for Sports Wagering Vendors (43:03)

I. Executive Session

Director Monahan stated that this topic required the discussion of investigatory materials and requested that the discussion be held in executive session.

Director Monahan stated that the Commission anticipated that it would convene in an executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 4, §7(26)(f) to discuss investigatory materials related to the Durable Suitability investigation process for sports wagering vendors necessarily compiled out of the public view by the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau ("IEB") the disclosure of which materials would probably so prejudice the possibility of effective law enforcement that such disclosure would not be in the public interest. Chair Maynard asked if the Commission wanted to move into executive session.

Commissioner Brodeur moved to enter executive session on the matter and for the reasons just articulated by Director Monahan. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Transcriber's Note: The Commission entered executive session at 10:53 A.M., and the public meeting session reconvened at 11:26 A.M.

d. Discussion regarding the term of sports wagering vendor licenses pursuant to 205 CMR 234, including potential amendments to said regulation. (1:17:28)

Director Monahan stated that sports wagering vendor licenses were currently issued for a period of three years. She stated that this timeline mirrored the gaming vendor licenses which are issued for three years by statute. She stated the Commission had the flexibility to change the length of time that sports wagering vendor licenses are issued for. She explained the differences in length

of licensure for vendors in other jurisdictions, noting that Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana each issued five-year licenses to vendors. She noted that approved vendor licenses did not expire in New Jersey, but vendors had to resubmit materials every five years. She stated that there was little risk in changing the sports wagering vendor license term from three years to five years as the vendors had an ongoing duty to report to the IEB.

Commissioner Brodeur stated that the Commission would maintain its jurisdiction and investigatory oversight over licensees regardless of the timespan between initial licensure and the renewal. The Commission reached a consensus to change the sports wagering vendor license term to five years. Director Monahan stated that she would work with the Legal Division to draft changes to the regulations.

5. Legal (1:23:23)

- a. 205 CMR 247.07: Acceptance of Sports Wager – Discussion and Review of Regulation Amendments and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process by Commission

Interim General Counsel Justin Stempeck presented proposed amendments to 205 CMR 247.07. *The proposed draft of 205 CMR 247.07 and Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 64 through 69.*

Interim General Counsel Stempeck stated that he was proposing that identical language regarding digital, crypto, and virtual currencies be struck from 205 CMR 247.07 and 205 CMR 248.10. He stated that the language was put in place by Gaming Laboratories International (“GLI”) as a starting point without a robust discussion of the pros and cons of permitting use of such currencies. He stated that the Gaming Enforcement Unit (“GEU”) recommended the language be removed.

First Lieutenant of the GEU David Collett explained that cryptocurrencies were decentralized, unregulated, and a new market. He stated that cryptocurrency was pseudo-anonymous and practically untraceable. Director Monahan stated that without knowing the origins of the funds, there was a risk of anti-money laundering (“AML”) and Bank Secrecy Act (“BSA”) violations. She stated that cryptocurrencies could be used to launder money through sports wagering platforms and prohibiting the use of cryptocurrencies would cut off that avenue for that illegal activity.

Chair Maynard noted that Commissioner Skinner had some technical difficulties exiting the executive session and asked Commissioner Skinner if she had any comments regarding the previous topic of sports wagering vendor licenses. Commissioner Skinner stated she had nothing to add. Chair Maynard stated that the other four Commissioners had reached a consensus to move the time length for vendor licenses to five years instead of three years.

Commissioner Skinner stated that cryptocurrency was a popular discussion topic at a conference she had recently attended. She stated that federal legislation had recently passed regarding cryptocurrency. Director Monahan stated that cryptocurrencies were currently unregulated,

pending legislation in Congress. She stated that there were too many risks associated with cryptocurrencies to permit them at this time. Commissioner Skinner agreed and expressed an interest in further discussion of cryptocurrency once legislation moved forward.

Commissioner Brodeur expressed an interest in hearing from stakeholders in the crypto industry regarding these regulation changes. He stated that it was currently the right move to prohibit funding accounts through cryptocurrency, but he would like to see input from the industry.

Chair Maynard stated that cryptocurrency could be converted to cash and be used for sports wagering. He stated that there were schematic issues in the regulation of the cryptocurrency market. Commissioner Hill noted that the U.S. House and Senate passed the GENIUS Act which affected cryptocurrencies. He stated that this might have been the topic discussed at the conference attended by Commissioner Skinner.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 247.07 included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further, that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b. 205 CMR 248.10: Account Deposits: Discussion and Review of Regulation Amendments and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process by Commission (1:35:38)

Interim General Counsel Stempeck presented proposed amendments to 205 CMR 248.10. *The proposed draft of 205 CMR 248.10 and Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 70 through 75.*

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 248.10 included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further, that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

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

c. 205 CMR 141.06: Notice to the Commission of Changes – Discussion and Review of Regulation Amendments and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process by Commission (1:37:08)

Associate General Counsel Melanie Foxx presented proposed amendments to 205 CMR 141.06. *The proposed amendments to 205 CMR 141.06 and Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 76 through 79.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 141.06 included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further, that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

d. 205 CMR 152.03: Criteria for Exclusion – Discussion and Review of Regulation Amendments and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process by Commission (1:40:01)

Associate General Counsel Foxx presented proposed amendments to 205 CMR 152.03. *The proposed amendments to 205 CMR 152.03 and Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 80 through 84.*

Commissioner Brodeur stated that this amendment showed the value of a regulated marketplace which had tools in place to protect those at risk of gambling harm. Chair Maynard agreed.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 152.03 included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further, that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

e. Litigation Strategy (1:43:24)

Interim General Counsel Stempeck stated that the Legal Division had two topics for executive session and recommended reading the required language for both topics so that they could be addressed in a single executive session.

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission anticipated that it would convene in an Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) in conjunction with its review of litigation strategy with respect to Robinhood Derivatives, LLC v. Campbell et al, as discussion at an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the Commission.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission enter into executive session on the matter and for the reasons just stated by the Chair. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

f. Executive Session Minutes (1:44:44)

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission anticipates that it would meet in executive session to review minutes from previous executive sessions as their discussion at an open meeting may frustrate the intended purpose for which the executive session was convened, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(n): January 18, 2024 at 11:23 A.M.; G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(f): January 18, 2024 at 12:23 P.M.; and G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(6): January 18, 2024 at 4:06 P.M.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission enter into executive session on the matter and for the reasons just stated by the Chair. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Transcriber's Note: The Commission entered executive session at 11:54 A.M. and returned to the public meeting session at 12:09 P.M.

6. Community Affairs (2:01:05)

a. FY2027 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines

Chief of the Community Affairs Division Joe Delaney presented the proposed FY2027 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines for the Commission's review. He explained that the Community Affairs Division was not seeking a vote on the guidelines at this time. He stated that the guidelines would be posted for public comment and that he would return to the Commission in November for a final vote. *The proposed FY2027 Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 87 through 165.*

Chief Delaney stated that there were not a lot of changes regarding project eligibility and that the primary changes were to the grant amounts. He stated that the Community Affairs Division used the guideline amounts from the previous year and pro-rated them as only \$5 million is available for FY27. He noted that a \$300,000 cap was placed on workforce development grants, a \$75,000 cap was placed on public safety grants for District Attorneys' Offices, and a \$75,000 cap was placed on regional planning grants. He stated that depending on what applications were received, there may not be funding for regional planning grants. He stated that the Community Affairs Division would have conversations with the Attorney General's Office to discuss funding.

Chief Delaney stated that the Commission had previously expressed an interest in being able to fund the most impactful projects. He stated that the Commission always had the ability to prioritize funding, but the language in the guidelines was clarified in a couple places. He stated that the Commission could move funds to wherever it saw fit. He stated that there was previously an item regarding suggested grant spending in order to ensure that there were grants in different categories. He stated that the language was removed due to the significant reduction in funds.

Chief Delaney explained that the language regarding the use of a financial waiver was modified due to the reduced amount of funds. He stated that the Community Affairs Division did not expect that there would be any funds available for waivers. He stated that the communities were informed not to rely on financial waivers.

Commissioner Hill stated that he had no issue moving forward with the proposed guidelines. He expressed that he wished the Commission had more funds but that this was the hand the Commission was dealt. He stated that the Commission would do what it could with the funds available. The Commission reached a consensus to put the FY2027 guidelines out for public comment. Chair Maynard stated that the Commission was attempting to be as equitable as possible with what resources were available.

Chief Delaney stated that he would put the guidelines out as soon as possible for two weeks of public comment. He stated that he would return to the Commission at the first meeting in November for final approval.

b. Reappointment Recommendations for Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committee and Subcommittee Members (2:10:52)

Chief Delaney explained that the Commission appoints members to the Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committees (“LCMAC”) every year. He stated that each individual recommended by the Community Affairs Division has been on the LCMACs for some time and that he recommended that each of those individuals be reappointed. He noted that the Commission must also appoint a Commissioner to be on the Subcommittee on Community Mitigation. *The reappointment recommendations for the LCMAC members were included in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 166 through 170.*

Commissioner Hill stated that he would be happy to be reappointed to the Subcommittee on Community Mitigation but offered to allow another person to take part in this position. The Commission reached a consensus to reappoint Commissioner Hill to the Subcommittee on Community Mitigation.

Commissioner Brodeur asked how people were made aware of the opportunity to serve on one of the LCMACs. Chief Delaney stated that Senior Program Manager Mary Thurlow worked to reach out to members of the communities. He stated that the LCMACs had been stable for a number of years, and when one member leaves, there is typically someone in mind as a replacement. He stated that the Community Affairs Division kept its ear to the ground and was usually able to find someone to step up. He noted that the Subcommittee on Community Mitigation had some gubernatorial appointed positions that remain empty. Chair Maynard stated that the Governor’s Office had to prioritize appointments as there are 4,500 appointments and 800 boards.

Commissioner O’Brien moved that the Commission reappoint Vincent Panzini and David Bancroft to the Region A Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committee and reappoint Joan Kagan Levine, Ellen Patashnick, Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., and Robin Wozniak to the Region B Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committee, all for a term of one year; and further, that Commissioner Brad Hill be designated as the Commission’s representative on the Subcommittee on Community Mitigation. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

c. Town of East Longmeadow Request to Repurpose Community Mitigation Fund Reserve Grant (2:17:56)

Chief Delaney explained that the Town of East Longmeadow had \$13,800 left from a reserve grant and that they wanted to repurpose those funds for another project. *The Town of East Longmeadow’s Request to Repurpose Community Mitigation Fund Reserve Grant was included in the Commissioners’ Packet on page 170.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Town of East Longmeadow’s request to reallocate the funding remaining in its Reserve Grant in the amount of \$13,801.67 towards funding for development of a visual assessment and analysis of parcels in the Center Town District in connection with its FY 2025 Community Mitigation Fund grant, which included funds for development of a parcel inventory and site readiness assessment, as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. [Finance](#) (2:20:11)

a. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Closeout Report

Chief Financial and Accounting Officer (“CFAO”) Derek Lennon presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Closeout Report with topics including the following: the Racing Oversight and Development Fund, the Sports Wagering Control Fund budget, gaming regulatory costs, final spending, final revenue, and surplus funds. *The budget closeout report was included in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 171 through 185.*

b. [Fiscal Year 2026 Q1 Report](#) (2:26:35)

Budget and Procurement Manager John Scully presented the FY2026 First Quarter Budget Update. He explained that the Commission approved the FY2026 budget on July 1, 2025, totaling \$69.96 million and funding 144 full-time employees. *The FY2026 First Quarter Budget Update was included in the Commissioners’ Packet on Pages 186 through 194.*

Manager Scully noted that there were no recommended budgetary increases due to the surplus that was carried forward. He explained that 205 CMR 121 allowed for adjustments to the assessment on licensees as a result of the surplus. He stated that the Commission received the final actual gaming positions as of July 1, 2025 and that gaming licensees' assessments and public health trust fund contributions would be rebalanced proportionally. He stated that the net result was a reduction to the Gaming Control Fund assessment of \$1.97 million, lowering it to \$35 million. He stated there were no changes recommended for the Racing Development and Oversight Trust Fund. He stated costs would continue to be tracked for the Sports Wagering Control Fund.

Manager Scully explained that 205 CMR 221 called for credits to assessments for sports wagering operators as a result of surplus revenues from prior years. He stated that final sports wagering revenue numbers for FY2025 were provided. He explained that the Revenue Team would generate revised FY2026 assessments to the Sports Wagering Control Fund and Public Health Trust Fund based on the operators' proportional share of adjusted gross sports wagering receipts. He stated that the net result was a reduction to the Sports Wagering Control Fund assessment of \$1.37 million, reducing it to \$11.5 million.

CFAO Lennon thanked his team and acknowledged the work the Treasurer and Finance Division performed while he was also working as Acting Chief of Human Resources.

8. [Commissioner Updates](#) (2:32:00)

Chair Maynard inquired as to whether there were any Commissioner updates. He received no response.

9. [Other Business](#) (2:32:09)

Hearing no other business, Chair Maynard requested a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Brodeur moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated October 7, 2025](#)
2. [Commissioners' Packet from the October 9, 2025, meeting](#) (posted on massgaming.com)