



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: November 10, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 112 680 4014

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*

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner O’Brien moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting meeting of July 21, 2021, subject to necessary corrections for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote in the following order:

<i>Commissioner Gayle Cameron</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Eileen O’Brien</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>Abstain.</i>
<i>Chair Cathy Judd-Stein</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

Commissioners Unanimously Voted 3-0.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agendas for the upcoming Commission meeting scheduled for November 18, 2021, and subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notice, as follows:

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Wells explained that there were a few updates to give at the November 18 meeting: onsite casino operations update from Director Band; and a prospective update on Return-to-Work plan for the Boston office. After some discussion, Commissioners agreed that it would be beneficial to have a brief update on November 18th detailing the meeting of the Working Group on November 17th.

Executive Director Wells also proposed a discussion of the Commonwealth’s Vacation Time Carryover Policy with an accompanying memorandum placed in the Commissioners packet for November 18th. Executive Director Wells explained that she would also be seeking exemption of the currently implemented Procurement Policy, with accompanying discussion and a vote by the Commissioners at the November 18th meeting. Ms. Wells stated that a supplemental discussion may also occur regarding the Licensee’s Internal Control Policies, covering the accommodations provided to patrons with disabilities.

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

Item #3 – Legislative Updates –Ms. Howard stated that a Legislative update will not occur at the November 18th meeting.

Item #4 – 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 on November 18th.

Item # 5 – Final Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines – Community Affairs Division – Division Chief Delaney stated he would be seeking a vote on the final Community Mitigation Fund guidelines at the November 18th meeting and stated that the finalized guidelines would be placed in the Commissioner’s packet.

Item #6 – Asian CARES Report – Director Vander Linden requested that this item be moved to a later public meeting in December.

Add-on Item- SEIGMA ad-hoc Report– Director Vander Linden would like to share the feedback and proposed recommendations based on the GPAC Fiscal Year 22 report.

Item #7 – Suitability Review Process – IEB Director Lillios requested that this item be moved to a later meeting date.

Add-on Item – Executive Director Annual Review – Commissioner O’Brien requested that the Commission begin their discussion of the overall of the Annual Review process of the Executive Director the November 18th meeting. This agenda item would include setting submission

deadlines for administrative materials, as well as identifying future dates for public discussion and the review of materials.

Add-on Item – Licensing Division- Chief Skinner expects to bring an Exemption Request from licensee, MGM Springfield for approval by the Commission at the November 18th meeting.

Additional Items Under Review:

Item # 8 – Responsible Gaming Framework Follow Up – Director Vander Linden requested to keep this item under review at this time.

Item #9 – Review of Casino Non-Compliance Penalties – Director Lillios stated that this item may need to stay under review for the time being.

Item #10 – ILEV Review Process – Mr. Delaney requested that this item should remain under review until he and General Counsel Grossman can develop a more formal review process pursuant to relevant regulations.

Item #11 – MA Cultural Council Report – Chair Judd-Stein stated that this agenda item be held for date in December, depending on the availability of the Executive Director of the Cultural Council.

Item #12 – Gambling Advertising – Director Vander Linden indicated that this agenda item would be ready for discussion and presentation in early 2022.

Item #13 – Regulatory Review – Executive Director Wells stated that she expects to brief the Commission about the Regulatory Review process at a meeting in December, after internal meetings occur with different divisions.

Add-on Item GPAC Subcommittee Meeting- Ms. Howard requested that the GPAC subcommittees give a brief update to the Commission before the end of the year. Commissioners agreed to place the item on the December agenda.

Having no further business, Commissioner Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

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. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated November 5, 2021