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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** November 13, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Present:**

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Mark Vander Linden
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Loretta Lillios
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	Karen Wells
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Jill Griffin
Ed Bedrosian	Alexandra Lightbown
Todd Grossman	Bruce Band
Elaine Driscoll	Katrina Jagroop-Gomes
John Ziemba	Trupti Banda
Agnes Beaulieu	

**Absent:** Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

### Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 65<sup>th</sup> Agenda Setting meeting.

### Approval of Minutes

*Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of October 30, 2019, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

*(Scheduled Commission Meeting on November 21, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.)*

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ed Bedrosian will have an administrative update.

Item #2 – Regulations. The Legal Division will bring two sets of amended regulations for the final phase of the promulgation process, regarding junkets and licensing. There is a public hearing scheduled to take place at 9:30 a.m., prior to the Commission meeting on

November 21. The Chair noted that she would like to discuss putting regulation hearings as an agenda item for Commission meetings in the future.

Item #3 –MGM Springfield Quarterly Report. Mr. Ziemba stated that he should have all materials by Friday, and this report will be ready to present, with MGM staff present.

Item #4 – Encore Boston Harbor Quarterly Report. Mr. Ziemba will have this report ready to present, with Encore staff present.

Item #5 – GameSense Procurement Update. Commissioner Zuniga will have this item ready for a discussion and vote to ratify the procurement of a GameSense program manager. Mr. Bedrosian noted that a Public Safety meeting would need to occur prior to the ratification. He would like to include a Q&A and have Commissioner Zuniga review the process and provide/hear substantive recommendations.

Item #6 – MA Gaming Commission FY20 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report and Vendor Diversity Update. This item will be ready to present. There will be a PowerPoint presentation featuring VeriCloud for the Vendor Diversity Update.

Item #7 – Litigation and Federal Legislation on Region C. Mr. Bedrosian recalled a memo from two meetings ago that covered potential next steps in the process. He noted that some of the items have been changed after the GPAC meeting yesterday. Mr. Bedrosian requested extra time on this until December 5<sup>th</sup> so that he can present the litigation update and add an update to potential draft RFI questions.

Added item: Jill Griffin would like to add an update item called, “Build a Life Campaign Update.” Ms. Griffin would like to update the Commission on the campaign’s efforts and celebrate its anniversary.

Added item: Karen Wells would like to add an item to discuss policy clarification on how the IEB is to use sealed records. She would like to review with each commissioner individually. There would then be a discussion at the November 21<sup>st</sup> Commission meeting with a memo provided by Ms. Wells, and a potential vote at the December 5<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. 2x2 meetings with commissioners will be scheduled on this. Ms. Griffin will then post for public comment to obtain feedback from stakeholders.

*(Potential Commission Meeting on December 5, 2019)*

Item #8 – Community Mitigation Fund Final Guidelines. Mr. Ziemba will have this item ready for a vote. He will bring all public comments to the meeting, as well as feedback from the regional Local Community Mitigation Advisory Committee (LCMAC) meetings.

Item #9 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies. Commissioner Cameron’s working group have drafted a regulation on this, and may have an updated draft ready, with comments received for the December 5<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

Item #10 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Commissioners will submit comments to Deputy General Counsel Todd Grossman. This item may be rescheduled to a later date.

Item #11 – Encore Boston Harbor 90-Day Commitments. Mr. Ziemba will have this item ready to present.

Item #12 – Minority Equity Participation. This presentation can be moved up to the November 21<sup>st</sup> Commission meeting, and Commissioner Stebbins will also provide an update.

Item #13 – Local Community Mitigation Advisory Subcommittee on Addiction Services Strategy. Mr. Ziemba stated that the team is still working on recommendations. Mr. Vander Linden confirmed that this item will be ready for December 5<sup>th</sup>. He will be able to update the Commission with a full report on the Public Health Trust Fund at the next meeting.

Item #14 – MGC 2019 Annual Report. This item will be ready to present.

Item #15 – Social and Economic Impact Research Procurement Update. Mr. Vander Linden will have this presentation ready. He is drafting a third round of questions and will be ready to move forward with a recommendation for the Commission that will require a vote.

*(Potential Commission Meeting on December 19, 2019)*

Item #16 – Quarterly Report Review. Mr. Ziemba stated that this item should be ready.

*(Under Review)*

Item #17 – New England Gaming Market Update. Commissioner Zuniga is currently monitoring this and collecting data.

Item #18 – GameSense Update. Mr. Vander Linden and Teresa Fiore will have this item ready to present with GameSense advisors at the December 19<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

Item #19 – Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update. This item is currently under review.

There was discussion around writing a draft letter to the legislature regarding the racing bill for the Commissioner's review. This draft will be submitted as soon as possible.

Added items for Racing at the December 5<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting:

- Suffolk Downs Request for Approval of Simulcast Import Locations for a vote;
- Suffolk Downs Request for Approval of Account Wagering Providers for a vote.

Chad Bourque will also have the below four items ready for that date, but if the agenda is too full, he can present them at the December 19<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting:

- Suffolk Downs Request for Promotional Fund Consideration for a vote
- Suffolk Downs Request for Promotional Fund Reimbursement for a vote

- Plainridge Park Casino Request for Capital Improvement Fund Consideration for a vote
- Plainridge Park Casino Request for Capital Improvement Fund Reimbursement for a vote

*(Quarterly)*

Item #20 – Licensee Quarterly Reports – MGM, PPC, & Encore. The MGM and Encore Quarterly Reports will be presented on their regular schedule.

10:44 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 – 0.*

#### **List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated November 13, 2019
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated November 8, 2019
3. Meeting Minutes of the October 30, 2019 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Catherine Blue  
Assistant Secretary