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# Massachusetts Gaming Commission

## Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** November 13, 2025, 11:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Springfield City Hall, Room 220  
36 Court Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

The Commission conducted this public meeting in person at Springfield City Hall.

### Commissioners Present:

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

#### 1. [Call to Order](#) (3:35)

Chair Jordan Maynard called to order the 573<sup>rd</sup> Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). All five commissioners were present for the meeting.

#### 2. [Welcome remarks from Mayor Domenic Sarno and distinguished guests](#) (4:20)

Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno provided opening remarks to welcome the Commission to the City of Springfield. He expressed his disappointment that the corner property at 101 State Street still had jersey barriers and blockage in the area despite the fact that under the City's Host Community Agreement with MGM Springfield ("MGM"), this property was to be developed. He asked for the scaffolding to be taken down and the jersey barriers to be removed. He further expressed his disappointment with the changes to the Community Mitigation Fund, noting that the host community of Springfield had greatly benefited from it and that it should be reviewed by lawmakers.

Chair Maynard responded by stating that representatives from MGM were in attendance at the meeting and could respond to the Mayor's concerns about the 101 State Street property. He added that the Community Mitigation Fund was a great program, and as long as it existed, the Commission would do its best to utilize those funds to the best of its ability.

### 3. [Community Affairs Division](#) (10:59)

Chief of Community Affairs Joe Delaney introduced the presentation by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (“PVPC”) on the Regional Business Ecosystem Network, a Community Mitigation Fund project. *The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Presentation on Regional Business Ecosystem Network can be found in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 3-14.*

#### a. [Presentation by Pioneer Valley Planning Commission: Regional Business Ecosystem Network](#) (12:05)

Executive Director of the PVPC Kimberly Robinson stated that she was presenting on the first of three different grants that the project had received.

Senior Fellow at PVPC Vanessa Otero presented the PVPC Regional Business Ecosystem Network. Topics included the following: MGM’s local procurement spending as a percent of the annual local procurement target identified in the Host Community Agreement, an analysis of the Regional Economy, an analysis of a gap in support for minority and women entrepreneurs, and Leveraging Other Resources. Executive Director Robinson then discussed the following topics: Incorporating Other Work in the Commonwealth, Collaborative and Long-Term Solutions, Creating an Equity Fund, and Next Steps.

Commissioner Brodeur stated that legislation around a Commonwealth Bank has gained momentum recently and asked if PVPC had looked into that. Executive Director Robinson stated that the financial needs her team had identified were on a spectrum, and she wanted to target needs at a different level of the spectrum than the level of a Commonwealth Bank.

Commissioner Brodeur stated that he was not surprised by the results in terms of access to capital and asked about workforce development. Executive Director Robinson stated that her team had completed their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy the previous year and identified workforce development as a priority in the region that her team was working on. She highlighted technical assistance as a necessary step to help companies start and grow. Commissioner Brodeur commended her community-driven work.

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission encourages MGM to engage in diverse hiring and contracting. He asked if this could be a link for the PVPC to work with MGM. Executive Director Robinson agreed.

#### b. [MGM Springfield Quarterly Report](#) (32:52)

MGM’s Vice President & Legal Counsel Gus Kim, Director of Finance Winter Hawkins, Compliance Director Daniel Miller, and Director of Public Affairs Beth Ward presented the MGM Q3 2025 Report. Topics included the following: Gaming Revenue and Taxes, Sports Wagering Revenue, Lottery Sales, Diversity Spend, Local Spend, Procurement Efforts, Employment Numbers, Workforce and Hiring Initiatives, Compliance, and Community Outreach and Special Events, including entertainment at MassMutual Center, MGM Springfield and

Symphony Hall. *The MGM Springfield Q3 2025 Report can be found in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 15-42.*

Commissioner Hill asked about the statistics on diversity spending. Director Hawkins responded that MGM anticipated a pick-up in spending over Q4. She stated that in terms of diversity spending, MGM met its goal in the veteran category but struggled to meet the women and minority category. She stated that her team was continuing to work to meet those goals.

Commissioner O'Brien asked about the drop in the number of underage individuals accessing the gaming floor and the details of the underage incidents. Director Miller stated that the drop in numbers was a result of the handrail placed around the perimeter and the security presence. He added that the underage individuals who were found on the gaming floor were over 18.

Chair Maynard asked if visitors to the Big E also patronized MGM. Director Ward stated that the Big E drove some visitors to the casino, adding that some people took advantage of free parking at the casino for the event.

c. Update on Downtown Springfield revitalization and Community Mitigation Fund funded projects (55:37)

Springfield Chief Development Officer (CDO) Tim Sheehan presented redevelopment efforts for Springfield's Main Street and Convention Center District. He reviewed how the City had used Community Mitigation Fund grant funds since 2021 in connection with its Master Development Plan, including the following: landscape design and construction of the Court Square Park area; landscape design for Main, State, Willow, and Union Streets; planning, design and construction of the Central Garage; and identity & wayfinding signage design for the Main Street Convention District and the Old First Church Visitor/Event Center.

Commissioner O'Brien asked about the plan for Old First Church. CDO Sheehan stated that \$2.5 million had been invested in drainage and construction relative to the Church, and the administration was currently looking for further investment to complete the project.

Commissioner Brodeur commended the administration for their work and asked about properties that were not meeting their targets. CDO Sheehan highlighted one property that needed redevelopment and stated that lack of progress on this property made it harder to secure additional private investment in this area of the city.

Commissioner Skinner stated that she was pleased to enable these kinds of projects and commended the city for its work. Commissioner Hill agreed.

4. Commissioner Updates (1:15:09)

No Commissioner updates were provided.

5. Other Business (11:15:13)

Upon inquiry from Chair Maynard, no other business was noted.

Commissioner Hill moved to adjourn. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Chair Maynard: Aye.*

*Commissioner Brouder: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

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

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#) dated November 10, 2025.
2. [Commissioners' Packet from the November 13, 2025 meeting](#) (posted on [massgaming.com](#)).
3. Springfield's presentation on the Main Street and Convention District.