



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: November 26, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 112 315 5551

The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. The use of this technology was intended to ensure adequate, alternative means of public access to the Commission's deliberations for any interested member of the public.

1. Call to Order

Chair Jordan Maynard called Agenda Setting Meeting #182 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission") to order at 10:03 A.M.

Quorum was confirmed for the meeting by roll call. The following Commissioners were present for the meeting:

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. November 13, 2024

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2024 agenda setting meeting, subject to necessary edits for typographical errors or non-material matters. Commissioner Brodeur seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner O'Brien</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Hill</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Skinner</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Brodeur</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed 5-0.

3. Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agendas for the upcoming meetings scheduled and additional agenda items for subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notice, as follows:

Items For Public Meeting – December 5, 2024 – 9:00 AM EST

Commissioner Hill requested for the public meetings to be held during the months of December 2024 and January 2025 to start at 9:30 am. After discussion, the Commissioners reached consensus to advance the meeting times to 9:30 am, for the months of December and January, unless notice is provided otherwise.

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa confirmed there will not be an update.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed minutes would come forward, including the most recent executive session minutes. Additionally, she noted the anticipated need to enter an executive session to vote on the executive session minutes. After discussion among the Commissioners, a question was presented on whether an executive session may be entered to solely to vote on minutes, or whether the executive session minutes would come forward in the next executive session. *After discussion the Commissioner's reached consensus to consult the Legal Division regarding this question.*

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #4 – Regulations – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed that the first presentation of regulation 205 CMR 15.05, related to account deposit wagering, would be moved to the December 16, 2024 public meeting. She noted the subsequent presentation would occur at the January 9, 2025 public meeting, and a vote would be requested at that time.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi confirmed the removal of the Fanatics House Rules. Additionally, she noted that the DraftKings House Rules and PSI House Rules would come forward.

Item #6 – Racing Division – Approval of Jockey's Guild – Commissioner Hill confirmed this item would come forward.

Item #7 – Racing Division – Amending PGR Racing License – Commissioner Hill confirmed this item would come forward.

Item #8 – Quarterly Reports – Chief Delaney confirmed this item would come forward.

Item #9 – IEB – Update on Sports Wagering Non-Compliance Matter – Director Monahan confirmed this item would come forward.

Commissioner O'Brien requested for item #9 to come forward before item #8 due to a scheduling concern. Chair Maynard and Director Monahan confirmed ability to do so.

Items For Public Meeting – December 16, 2024 – 11:00 AM EST

Grace Robinson noted that the December 16, 2024 meeting will start at 11:00 am.

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa confirmed this item would come forward.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed minutes would come forward.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #4 – Regulations – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed 205 CMR 15.05 would come forward for a first presentation.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi confirmed that no items are anticipated.

Item #6 – Racing Division – Approval of Plainridge, Suffolk, Raynham Simulcast Locations, Premium Free Periods, and Account Wagering Providers. Commissioner Hill confirmed this agenda item would come forward.

Item #7 – Update/Discussion on next steps with DPH – Commissioner Skinner confirmed her continued involvement regarding this item. Commissioner O'Brien confirmed that either herself or Commissioner Hill would remain involved, to be subsequently discussed and agreed upon.

Add-on Item – Community Mitigation Fund Grant – Chief Delaney requested to add this agenda item for a discussion of a grant looking to be transferred from DCR to MassDot and regarding completing the design for the pedestrian bridge over the Mystic River.

Add-on Item – Research and Responsible Gaming – Director Vander Linden requested to add this agenda item to provide an update on the AI Workgroup.

Add-on Item – IEB – Director Monahan requested an agenda item to present for the Commission's review and decision on next steps regarding a Sports Wagering non-compliance matter.

Add-on Item – Legal – Counsel Grossman requested for continued discussion of the HG Vora matter. Chair Maynard suggested adding this item earlier on in the meeting and Commissioners reached consensus regarding the suggestion.

Items For Public Meeting – January 9, 2024– 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed minutes would come forward.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill confirmed there would be no update.

Item #4 – Regulations – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed item 205 CMR 15.05 would come forward for a vote.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi confirmed that this item would be tentatively held.

Item #6 – Update of Responsible Gaming Framework – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would come forward.

Add-on- item – IEB – Director Monahan requested to enter into an executive session to discuss union negotiations.

Add-on- item – IEB – Director Monahan requested an item regarding a waiver of a regulation related to audited financial statements.

Items For Public Meeting – January 23, 2024– 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed minutes would come forward.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #4 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman confirmed there are no anticipated items.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi confirmed there are no anticipated items.

Item #6 – Early Economic Impact of Sports Betting – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would come forward.

Item #7 – GameSense Quarterly Report– Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would come forward.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #1 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed that this item would remain under review and stated that she is collaborating with Commissioner Skinner and Executive Director Serpa. She stated it is possible an update would be ready to share in January 2025.

Item #2 – HCA Compliance Update (All Properties) – Chief Delaney confirmed that this item would remain under review. Commissioner Skinner added that they will continue to work towards the ability to provide an update in the early new year.

Item #3 – Discussion of Illegal Markets – Commissioner O’Brien and Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item # 4 – Possible Adoption of Blocking Software – Director Vander Linden provided an update as to the status. Chief Maynard suggested that the Commissioners would be updated on the plan for this. Commissioner O’Brien requested an update prior to any next steps as there may be a desire for the Commission to be involved in any procurement discussions. This item was assigned the tentative public meeting date of January 9, 2024.

Item #5 – Bally’s 90 Day Audit – IT Division – Compliance Manager Tavares requested that a date be assigned for this item. He noted that if further in-depth discussion is warranted that there may be a need to enter into an executive session. After discussion this item was assigned to the public meeting date of January 9, 2024.

Item #6 – Sports Wagering – Compliance Update Reports – Chief Torrisi confirmed that this item would remain under review.

Item #7 – Staff Evaluations– Executive Director Serpa – Chair Maynard confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #8 – Update/Discussion on exhibitions included in the event catalogue – Chief Torrisi confirmed that this item would remain under review. Commissioner O’Brien requested for the Sports Wagering Division to provide the language as it currently stands. Chair Maynard suggested a comparison with other jurisdictions at some point in this review.

Add-on-item – GameSense Information Center Contract – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck stated the contract is expiring and inquired if any Commissioner would like to be involved in that process. Commissioner Skinner, Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Brodeur expressed an interest. It was determined that Commissioners Skinner and Brodeur would participate.

Add-on-item – SEIGMA ISA- Director Vander Linden stated this research contract is ending June 30, 2025 and inquired whether any Commissioner would like to be involved in the re-procurement process. Commissioner O’Brien expressed an interest and Commissioner Hill confirmed his ability to be involved.

Sports Wagering – Quarterly reports, Chief Torrisi requested for an add on meeting in January 2024. A meeting date has not been assigned.

4. Commissioner Updates

Chair Maynard noted that he and Commissioner Brodeur received an email pertaining to the status of Revere and is planning to share this email with the other Commissioners.

The Commissioners all shared sentiments for the staff who celebrate to have a Happy Thanksgiving holiday and thanked staff for their contributions.

5. Other Business

Having no further business, Commissioner Brodeur moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner O'Brien</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Hill</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Skinner</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Brodeur</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#), dated November 26, 2024
2. November 13, 2024, Agenda Setting Minutes

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

December 5 (Public)
December 11 (Agenda Setting)
December 16 (Public) (Monday meeting)
December 18 and December 19 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Draft Kings Durable Suitability)
January 9 (Public)
January 15 (Agenda Setting)
January 23 (Public)
January 29 (Agenda Setting)
January 30 (Adjudicatory Hearing – PSI Durable Suitability)