



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda-Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: December 11, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Derek Lennon
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Mark Vander Linden
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	Karen Wells
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Bill Curtis
Ed Bedrosian	Alexandra Lightbown
Todd Grossman	Bruce Band
Elaine Driscoll	Jill Griffin
John Ziemba	Trupti Banda
Loretta Lillios	

Absent: Commissioner Gayle Cameron

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 67th Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Zuniga moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of November 26, 2019, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 – 0 with Commissioner Stebbins abstaining.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on December 19, 2019)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Executive Director Ed Bedrosian will have an administrative update. He noted for the Commission that Lead Executive Assistant Maryanne Dooley will keep agenda planning / time-keeping notes moving forward.

Item #2 – Regulations. There are no regulations up for approval at this time. There are a number of draft regulations that staff is reviewing for the Commission’s approval at the January 9, 2020 Commission meeting.

Item #3 –Draft Region C RFI Questions. Mr. Bedrosian will work with staff and clarify questions for both an RFI and for requesting public comment. He noted that a request for public comment period should be done post-holiday. The Chair would like to keep on the cadence for both vehicles. CFO Derek Lennon commented that staff will need a week or two to draft, and that a public comment period should be no shorter than four weeks, and that some time will be required to review and bring back to the Commission. The process should take at least two months.

Item #4 – MGC 2019 Annual Report. Commissioner Zuniga will present this item with any edits made, and lead a discussion.

Item #5 – Plainridge Park Casino Request for Capital Improvement Fund Reimbursement. This request will be ready to present to the Commission for a vote.

Item #6 – Quarterly Report Template Review. This item will be presented for the Commission’s review at the January 9th Commission meeting.

Item #7 – GameSense Update. Program Manager Teresa Fiore will update the Commission with GameSense staff present as well. The Chair asked for a bio on the advisors that will be speaking in advance. Monthly reports of services provided will be part of this agenda item.

Item #8 – Encore Boston Harbor 90-Day Commitments. This item will be ready to present to the Commission.

Item #9 – Encore Boston Harbor Quarterly Report Follow-Up. This report will be ready to present to the Commission with all remaining items.

Item #10 – Local Community Mitigation Advisory Sub-Committee on Addiction Services Strategy. This item will be ready to present with a potential vote. Ombudsman John Ziemba will present, and explain the history and current status of this program under the GPAC. Mr. Ziemba is currently in the process of assembling the committee.

Item #11 – Social and Economic Impact Research Procurement Update. This update will be ready to present for a vote to ratify the procurement process. Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden will present this item with Dr. Rachel Volberg. They will provide the Commission with a briefing on the process with a recommendation on the awardee. The deadline to execute a contract is December 31, 2019. The Chair stated that now is an appropriate time to look at policy around forming a procurement team in general. She also recommended that Mr. Lennon work with Commissioner O’Brien on this. Mr. Vander Linden will update the Commission on Dr. Volberg’s flight schedule for timing on the agenda.

Item #12 – Clarification of Regulation 205 CMR 134.09 – Sealed Records. One public comment has been received on this item so far, requesting this to be an early item on the meeting agenda. The IEB will present this item for a potential vote, following Mr. Bedrosian’s administrative update.

Added item: Mr. Ziemba would like to add a proposed amendment to the Revere Non-Transportation Planning Grant to this agenda for a vote.

Added Item: The Legal Division will present and discuss potential retroactive pay for Commissioner Cameron for her service as Acting Chair, for a vote.

Added Item: Mr. Bedrosian will add an update on the general counsel hiring process to this meeting agenda.

(Potential Commission Meeting on January 9, 2020)

Item #13 – 2018 Workforce Diversity Impact Report. Director of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development Jill Griffin will present this report to the Commission.

Added Item: Ms. Griffin will present a proposed amendment to the Community Mitigation Workforce grant for a vote.

Added Item: Chair asked for space to be reserved for a discussion on the draft of Region C RFI questions.

(Potential Commission Meeting on January 23, 2020)

Item #14 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies. Mr. Bedrosian stated that this item should be ready to present to the Commission

Item #15 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Edits by Commissioners will be given to Mr. Grossman for presentation at the January 23rd Commission meeting.

(Under Review)

Item #16 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item is still under review based on discussions regarding the Region C RFI.

Item #17 – Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update. This item is currently under review.

Added Item: Commissioner Zuniga will add a review of and discussion on PPC’s Compliance in anticipation of their license renewal, with a focus on the internal process.

(Quarterly)

Item #18 – Licensee Quarterly Reports – MGM, PPC, & Encore. The MGM and Encore Quarterly Reports will be presented on their regular schedule.

10:51 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner O'Brien 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 December 11, 2019
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated December 5, 2019
3. Meeting Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary