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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 3, 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292**

**PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 649 1776**

### **Commissioners and Senior Staff Present:**

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein

Commissioner Gayle Cameron

Commissioner Eileen O'Brien

Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

Dir. of the IEB Loretta Lillios

Licensing Chief Nakisha Skinner

Dir. of Research and Responsible Gaming

Mark Vander Linden

Executive Director Karen Wells

Chief of Gaming Agents Bruce Band

Chief of Community Affairs Joseph Delaney

Dir. of Workforce, Supplier, and Diversity

Development Jill Griffin

General Counsel Todd Grossman

Chief Financial and Accounting Officer

Derek Lennon

Dir. of Racing Dr. Alexandra Lightbown

### **Call to Order**

Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 94<sup>th</sup> agenda setting meeting. She noted that given the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the global Coronavirus pandemic, Governor Baker issued an order to provide limited relief from certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law to protect the health and safety of individuals interested in attending public meetings, and that in keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission would be conducting this meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

All four commissioners were present for the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the minutes from the agenda setting meeting of January 20, 2021, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner Cameron: Aye.*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

## **Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings**

*The Commission discussed the anticipated agendas for the upcoming Commission meeting scheduled for February 11, 2021, and subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notes, as follows:*

### Item #1 – Administrative Update

Ms. Wells recommended keeping this item under review. She noted that as part of this item, there will be an administrative update from a yet undetermined division.

### Item #2 – Regulations

Mr. Grossman explained he will not have an item to discuss at the upcoming meeting.

### Item #3 – Legislative Updates

Ms. Griffin and Mr. Grossman presented this item and noted that there is a draft in the works of proposed racing legislation to be referred to as chapter 128D. It is close to being ready for review. There was discussion as to how to move forward with this draft. It was suggested that each of the commissioners be briefed so they are fully aware of all the potential issues with the existing statutes. There was also discussion of a February 19<sup>th</sup> filing deadline.

### Item #4 – Budget Update – Gaming Positions – CMF Budget – Legal Litigation Costs

Mr. Lennon will be ready to present this item.

### Item #5 – Evaluation - Executive Director

Commissioner O'Brien commented that this item will likely not require a vote. In light of the scheduling of other agenda items, it was suggested that this item be moved to February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Item #6 –Independent Monitor Update - Second Report

The monitor will be ready to present this item at the next meeting.

### Item #7 –Licensee Quarterly Reports

Mr. Delaney reported that the respective licensees (Plainridge Park Casino ["PPC"] and Encore Boston Harbor ["EBH"]) will be able to present their reports at the next meeting.

*Add-on Item:* Ms. Lillios would like to discuss requests for employee registration exemptions, and the scope of the Executive Director's authority allowing such exemptions. She and Ms. Skinner would like to discuss this item at the next meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

*No other items were brought forward for the meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*The following items were discussed relative to the meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>:*

Item #8 – CMF Application Update Review

Mr. Delaney will be ready to present this item. He suggested also discussing Medford's request to repurpose their grant.

Item #9 – Harness Horsemen Assoc. – Pension Plan Review

Dr. Lightbown will be ready to present, alongside a guest from the horsemen's association.

Item #10 – Encore 1 Year Public Safety Report

Mr. Vander Linden suggested moving this item to the meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Item # 11 – MGM 1 Year Public Safety Report

Mr. Vander Linden suggested moving this item to the meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

*No other items were brought forward for the meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*The following items identified as being “under review” were discussed as follows:*

Item #12 – Employee and Vendor Diversity

Ms. Wells recommended keeping this item under review.

Item #13 – IAGR Conference Update

Commissioner Cameron recommended keeping this under review.

Item #14 – NDA Discussion

Ms. Wells suggested keeping this under review.

Item #15 – Internal Audit and Compliance Working Group Update

Ms. Wells expected being able to give an update on the first quarter in April.

10:45 a.m.

*Having no further business, Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to adjourn.*

*Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.*

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner Cameron: Aye.*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

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

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated February 1, 2021
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated February 3, 2021
3. Meeting minutes of the January 20, 2021, Agenda Setting Meeting

/s/ Eileen O'Brien  
Secretary