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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission

### Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** February 12, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. EST

**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292  
MEETING ID: 112 800 6671

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 #186 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission") to order at 10:01 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 Hill  
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner  
Commissioner Paul Brodeur*

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

##### **a. January 29, 2025**

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2025 agenda setting meeting, as included in the Commissioner's packet subject to necessary corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters. Commissioner Hill 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 – February 24, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST**

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

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed that four sets of public meeting minutes and five sets of executive session minutes would come forward, noting that she anticipated the Commission would go into executive session for another item.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill confirmed that no item(s) were anticipated.

Item #4 – Regulations – 205 CMR 256 – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck requested to move this item to the next March public meeting and suggested that a different regulation may be added. Counsel Wang requested to add 205 CMR 247.03 regarding a petition for a sporting event or wager category. She explained this regulation pertains to the Commission adding and/or removing sporting events or wager categories to or from the events catalogue at its discretion.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi confirmed that no item(s) were anticipated.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters – Director Monahan confirmed this item would come forward. Chair Maynard inquired whether the matters would come forward for the Commission to decide next steps and Director Monahan confirmed same.

Item #7 – Quarterly Reports – Chief Delaney confirmed this item would come forward and inquired about the time Commissioner's would like the reports filed. He proposed the Tuesday or Wednesday before the meeting and it was expressed by Commissioner O'Brien as soon as possible is preferred.

Item #8 – Discussion on Capital Expenditures and ILEV Impact – Chief Delaney confirmed this item would come forward and noted an executive session is requested.

Item #9 – Division of Licensing – Director Kara O'Brien confirmed the request for leave for the temporary category 3 sports wagering operator licenses would come forward.

Item #10 – FY24 Summary of Research Findings and Recommendations – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item.

Item #11 – Mid Year Budget Update – Jaclynn Knecht, Finance Office Accountant and Assistant to the CFAO, confirmed this item.

Item #10 – Raynham Facility Relocation – Dr. Lightbown requested to move this item to the next public meeting on March 11, 2025.

Add-on-Item – SEIU Contract Negotiations – Deputy General Counsel Jenna Hentoff requested this item and noted the anticipated need to enter an executive session. Chair Maynard inquired whether there are any time restrictions for this discussion due to the involvement of outside counsel in the union discussions and Counsel Hentoff provided an estimate of time.

### Items For Public Meeting – March 13, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST

*Chair Maynard noted that he will not be available on this date and proposed moving this meeting to March 11, 2025. All Commissioners expressed the willingness and the availability to move this public meeting date.*

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

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item.

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

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck confirmed 205 CMR 256 would come forward.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters – Director Monahan confirmed this item.

Item #7 – Quarterly Report: MGM – Chief Delaney confirmed this item and noted the request for an executive session to discuss its capital expenditures.

Add-on-Item – Community Mitigation Fund – Chief Delaney requested this item to discuss the status of the applications and to present questions to the Commission for guidance on next steps. He acknowledged that it would depend on the [legislative] House budget and the timing of this discussion may need to be adjusted.

Add-on-Item – Raynham Facility Relocation – Dr. Lightbown requested to move this item from the February 24, 2025 public meeting to this meeting.

Add-on-Item – Dr. Lightbown requested an item to discuss Plainridge Park Casino's capital fund improvement request for consideration pertaining to paving the test barn.

Add-on-Item – Dr. Lightbown requested an item to discuss the recovery of the unclaimed tickets that have not been cashed.

### Items For Public Meeting – March 27, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST

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

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item.

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

Item #4 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman confirmed that no item(s) were anticipated.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters – Director Monahan tentatively confirmed this item.

Add-on-Item – Dr. Lightbown requested an item for Plainridge Park Casino’s approval of their racing officials and their key operating personnel.

### Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #1 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #2 – Discussion of Illegal Markets – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed this item would remain under review and Executive Director Serpa added that he is working on coordinating an internal meeting prior to bringing the discussion to a larger group.

Item #3 – Economic Impact of Sports Betting – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #4 – Staff Evaluations – Commissioners – Chair Maynard confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #5 – Debrief on Tyson/Paul Event and Discussion of Procedure – Chief Torrisi confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #6 – Discussion on catalogue language for UFC – Chief Torrisi confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #7 – Revere HCA – Chief Delaney confirmed this item would remain under review. He noted that the Commission received a letter from the city inquiring whether they can become a “surrounding community,” and he felt a response to this letter is owed.

Item #8 – Update on Employment and Vendor Diversity – Jaclynn Knecht, Finance Office Accountant and Assistant to the CFAO confirmed this item would remain under review and that she anticipated the information would be available in the near future.

Item #9 – Proposed Research Agenda for FY2026 – Director Vander Linden requested to move this item to the March 27, 2025 public meeting.

Item #10 – Voluntary Self Exclusion (VSE) Program Updates – Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item would remain under review regarding an update on clarification of the requirements for removal from the VSE list once a person’s self-selected term has expired.

Add-on-Item – BCLC GameSense Agreement – Director Vander Linden requested this item.

Add-on-Item – Discussion on Wager Limitations – Commissioner O’Brien requested this item.

Add-on-Item – Review of Advertising/Saturation – Commissioner O’Brien requested this item.

#### **4. Commissioner Updates**

None.

#### **5. Other Business**

Having no further business, Commissioner Hill moved to adjourn. Commissioner Brodeur 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 10:25 A.M.*

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

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#), dated February 10, 2025.
2. January 29, 2025, Agenda Setting Minutes.

#### **FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:**

February 24 (Public)  
February 27 (Adjudicatory Hearing – DraftKings Durable Suitability)  
March 5 (Agenda Setting)  
March 13 (Public)  
March 19 (Agenda Setting)  
March 27 (Public)  
April 30 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Fanatics Durable Suitability)  
May 14 (Adjudicatory Hearing – License Renewal)