



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 17, 10:00am
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5293
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 936 7778

Commissioners Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

Call to Order

Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 95th 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 conduct 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 February 3, 2021, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

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 agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting scheduled for February 25th, 2021, and subsequent meetings as described in the attached agenda planning notes, as follows:

Item #1 – Administrative Update

Executive Director Karen Wells stated that an update on casino operations will be ready to be presented by Director of the IEB Loretta Lillios and Gaming Agents Division Chief Bruce Band.

Item #2 – Regulations

Associate General Counsel Carrie Torrisi will present an administrative change to 205 CMR 146.13 regarding table characteristics for blackjack.

Item #3 – Legislative Updates

Workforce, Supplier, and Diversity Development Director Jill Griffin will not present at the next meeting.

Item #4 – Licensee MGM Quarterly Report

Community Affairs Division Chief Joe Delaney reported that MGM representatives will present their report at the next meeting.

Item #5 – CMF Application Update Review

Mr. Delaney will be ready to present this item.

Item #6 – CMF- Medford Grant Review

Mr. Delaney will be ready to present this item. It will require a vote.

Item #7 – Evaluation- Executive Director

Commissioner O'Brien reported that this item will be ready to be presented. There was discussion about whether and how to discuss the Executive Director's compensation. It was decided that compensation would be discussed at a later meeting.

No other items were brought forward for the meeting on February 25th.

The following items were discussed in regards to the meeting on March 11th:

Item #8 – Harness Horsemen's Association-Pension Plan Review

Director of Racing Dr. Alexandra Lightbown will bring a representative from the Harness Horsemen's Association to present this item alongside her.

Item #10 – Problem Gambling- Kickoff

Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden and Research and Responsible Gaming Program Manager Teresa Fiore will be ready to present this item alongside the Director of Problem Gambling Services at the Department of Public Health as a guest.

Item #14 – IAGR Conference Update

This item will be incorporated into the administrative update on March 11th.

Dr. Lightbown requested adding the question of whether the Jockey Guild should receive the \$65,000 from parimutuel taxes as regulated under Chapter 128A. There was no thoroughbred racing the previous year, but there was revenue from simulcasting. This will require a vote.

Dr. Lightbown noted the Massachusetts Breeders Association is proposing racing bonuses and breeding incentives. This will need to be addressed by the Commission and the Chair.

Licensing Division Chief Nakisha Skinner would like to present an amendment to MGM's alcohol and beverage license. It will require a vote.

No other items were brought forward for the meeting on March 11th.

The follow item were discussed in regards to the meeting on March 25th:

Item #9 – Horserace Committee-Split

Dr. Lightbown will be ready to present this item if the Committee makes a decision regarding the Racehorse Development Fund split before then. General Counsel Todd Grossman explained that if the Committee decides on a revised split, they will have to submit their recommendation to the state house and state senate thirty days before it's presented to the Commission for consideration.

Item # 11 – MGM 1 Year Public Safety Report

Mr. Vander Linden will be ready to present this item.

Item #12 – Encore 1 Year Public Safety Report

Mr. Vander Linden will be ready to present this item.

Mr. Delaney would like to present licensees' capital expenditure plans. This will likely have to be discussed over a series of executive sessions.

The following items listed as "under review" were discussed as follows:

Item #13 – MGC and Employee Diversity

Ms. Wells recommended keeping this under review.

Item #15 – NDA Discussion

Ms. Wells recommended keeping this under review.

Item #16 – Internal Audience and Compliance Working Group
Ms. Wells recommended the meeting on April 8th for this item.

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*Having no further business, Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Cameron 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 15, 2021
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes
3. Meeting Minutes of the February 3, 2021, Agenda Setting Meeting