



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 19, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Derek Lennon
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Jill Griffin
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Mark Vander Linden
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	John Ziemba
Karen Wells	Bill Curtis
Katrina Jagroop-Gomes	Alexandra Lightbown
Elaine Driscoll	Bruce Band

Absent: Commissioner Bruce Stebbins

Call to Order

9:30 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 71st Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Zuniga moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of February 5, 2020, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on February 27, 2020 in Springfield)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Mr. Vander Linden will update the Commission on departmental projects with a brief presentation. Commissioner Zuniga suggested proposals for some other conferences that are in the planning process, and an update on research regarding GameSense and PlayMyWay.

Item #2 – Regulations. Ms. Wells will work with Associate Counsel Carrie Torrisi on an update to regulations concerning junkets. Teresa Fiore will present on the regulations regarding Voluntary Self-Exclusion and an update to the reinstatement process.

Item #3 – MGM Quarterly Report. Mr. Ziemba will have this report ready to present. Crime Analyst Christopher Bruce will have a presentation on public safety.

Item #4 – MGM Residential Requirement. This item will be ready to present to the Commission for a vote. MGM V.P. and Legal Counsel Seth Stratton will lead the presentation.

Item #5 – Springfield Chief Development Officer - Update. Chief Development Officer of the City of Springfield Tim Sheehan will provide the Commission with an update on development projects.

Item #6 – Business Tech. Assistance Grant – Introduce Recipient. Ms. Griffin will have this item ready for presentation with grant recipients presenting on their organizations.

Item #7 – VSE Regulations – Reinstatement Process. See item #2. Ms. Fiore will present.

Item #8 – MGM GameSense Update. This update will be ready for a brief presentation with potential Q&A, connected with the Quarterly report. Mr. Vander Linden would like this item to present right before or right after the MGM Quarterly Report.

Item #9 – Springfield Lottery Impact Study. This report will be ready to present to the Commission. Dr. Rachel Volberg will be present, with another guest presenting remotely.

Item # 10 – Problem Gambling Awareness Month Activities. Mr. Vander Linden will have this item ready to present to the Commission.

Item #11 – Springfield Public Safety. Mr. Bruce will have a presentation ready with law enforcement officials present for questions/discussion. Ms. Wells will have two lieutenants and the Captain Tardiff from the Metro Unit present.

Item #12 – Vendor Spotlight. Ms. Griffin will have A.C. Produce in for a presentation, once she received confirmation on their availability.

Item #13 – Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update. This item will be postponed until the March 12th Commission meeting.

(Potential Commission Meeting on March 12, 2020)

Item #14 – Play My Way at Cat. 1. This item will be moved to the March 26th Commission meeting.

Item #15 – Date Storage & Access Report. This item will be moved to the March 26th Commission meeting, to discuss the new Massachusetts Open Data Exchange (MODE).

Item #16 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. This item will move to the March 26th Commission meeting to present in tandem with the MODE presentation.

Item #17 – Workforce Development Grant Update. Ms. Griffin will present an update on the Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) grant, and report on their continued work.

Item #18 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies. Commissioners O’Brien and Cameron will present this item for discussion purposes.

Item #19 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Commissioner Stebbins will fill-in for Commissioner Zuniga on this item at the March 26th Commission meeting.

Item #20 – GameSense Impact Report. This report will be ready to present at the March 26th Commission meeting.

Item #21 – Licensee Quarterly Reports – PPC & Encore. These reports will be presented at this meeting.

Item #22 – Budget Updates. Mr. Lennon will have this update ready to present. A vote will be reserved in case an increase of the assessment is needed.

Item #23 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel. Director of Racing at PPC Steve O’Toole will be present for discussion, and this item will be up for a vote.

Item #24: Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts (SOM) Recognition Request as Breeder’s Representative Group. This item will be ready to present to the Commission for a vote, accompanied by a slide presentation.

Item #25: Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (MTBA) Request to Race at Finger Lakes. This item will be presented to the Commission for a vote. The Chair requests that Dr. Lightbown include breeding statistics.

Added item: for March 12th Commission meeting – Update regarding legislative activities by Mr. Ziemba. The Chair stated that moving forward, Mr. Ziemba could present on legislative activities regularly.

Added Item: for March 12th Commission meeting – Brief GameSense Update. Lead GameSense advisors will provide the update (as a continuation of Item #21)

Item #26: Plainridge Park Racecourse 2020 Live Racing Kick-Off. Dr. Lightbown will present on PPC’s opening on April 26th.

Added Item: for April 9th Commission meeting – Mr. Vander Linden will present Everett’s 6-Month Public Safety report.

Item #27: Gaming School Update. This item should be called, “Region A Gaming School Annual Report”, and will be ready to present to the Commission.

(Quarterly)

Item #28 – Compliance Items Update. This item is currently under review. Ms. Wells would like feedback from Commissioners regarding compliance items, to organize a proposal for the Commission that addresses progress for the Internal Audit Compliance group.

(Under Review)

Item #29 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item is currently under review by Commissioner Zuniga.

10:42 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated February 19, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated February 13, 2020
3. Meeting Minutes of the February 5, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary