



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: February 5, 2020 – 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	Loretta Lillios
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Mark Vander Linden
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	John Ziemba
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Bill Curtis
Karen Wells	Alexandra Lightbown
Todd Grossman	Bruce Band
Elaine Driscoll	Jill Griffin
Katrina Jagroop-Gomes	Trupti Banda

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 70th Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of January 15, 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 13, 2020)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. There will be an administrative update at the upcoming Commission meeting, and Ms. Jagroop-Gomes will provide the Commission with a presentation regarding current tasks, initiatives, and new employees of the IT department as part of the update.

Item #2 – Regulations. There are no regulations up for approval at this meeting. One regulation will be added to the agenda for the Commission meeting on February 27th, which

is an amendment to the Voluntary Self-Exclusion regulation, amending the period between the exit session and re-entry of the gaming floor after removal from the list, to create a streamlined process that allows people to resume gaming immediately after the reinstatement process. Patrons will have proper documentation reflecting that they completed the process that they will keep on their person until their name is removed from the list.

Item #3 – Region C RFI Questions/Public Comments – Status Report. A brief update will be provided. Staff is receiving public comments, which will be made available to the commissioners. Responses to the RFI will also be made available to the commissioners on March 16th.

Item #4 – Two MGM Qualifiers. Ms. Wells will present the investigatory findings for these two Qualifiers for a vote. The financial statement chart not included today will be provided to the commissioners.

Item #5 – EBH Alcohol License Amendment Request. Mr. Curtis will have this item ready to present for a vote. Encore is seeking to amend its Gaming Beverage License to install smart bars and add storage areas. Public comments will be reviewed, as well. He will also share photos of the smart bars at the meeting. Encore representatives will be present to provide a PowerPoint presentation.

Item #6 – Update on Executive Director Search Process – possible RFR. Chair Judd-Stein and Commissioner Zuniga will discuss a potential timeline for this process. Commissioner Zuniga will provide an update on the process. He will explain how the commissioners can be a part of the process as honorary members without violating the Open Meeting Law. Mr. Lennon will disseminate the guideline to commissioners that allows them to participate as honorary members. No draft will be presented at the meeting.

Item #7 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. This item will be postponed until potentially the March 12th Commission meeting.

Item #8 – PPC License Renewal Follow-Up & Timeline. Commissioner Zuniga, Ms. Wells, and Mr. Ziemba will present this item for a vote. There will be a memorandum outlining the steps, as well as a draft timeline for the renewal process for the Commission's review. The Commission will also discuss the amount of the license renewal fee. Feedback and questions from the Commission are encouraged. The Commission will vote on a new renewal procedure. Ms. Wells stated that they are looking for confirmation from the Commission to put the licensee on notice as to the new process. There may be a public hearing on this. Licensees will be notified about possible issues that the Commission will be considering for this new process. Lastly, the Commission will discuss where the license renewal fee is deposited.

Item #9 – Quarterly Report Template Review. The Commission will review a memorandum describing the template. A draft will be presented once more to licensees.

No vote is necessary on this item for this meeting. Mr. Ziemba will provide an update with specific recommendations to adopt at a later date.

Item # 10 - MGM Residential Requirement Fulfilment. MGM representatives will provide a presentation about where we stand on the residential requirement. MGM Vice President and General Counsel Seth Stratton will give the update at this meeting. No vote is requested until the following meeting on February 27th in Springfield. The city council will review this in the meantime, as it could result in an amendment to the host community agreement. The deadline for this is March 5th. There will be outside guests appearing, so this item will need to be addressed early on in the agenda.

Item #11 – Mitigation Intake Review. Mr. Ziemba will lead a general discussion of what applications have been received for the Community Mitigation Fund, and he will explain the staff's plan moving forward.

Item #12 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies. This item is currently in process and will be presented at the first Commission meeting in March (tentatively March 12th).

Item #13 – Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update. Commissioner Stebbins will present this item for a vote at the Commission meeting on February 27th in Springfield.

Item #14 – Data Storage & Access Report. Mr. Vander Linden will launch this program at the March 12th Commission meeting.

Item #15 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. This item will also be presented at the February 27th Commission meeting. Item #'s 14 and 15 are together. Mr. Vander Linden recommends discussing both items together as a package. He will introduce a small piece on problem gambling at the February 27th Commission meeting and present these two items on March 12th.

Item #16 – Workforce Development Grant Update. Ms. Griffin will present an update on the grant that was issued to the Jewish Vocational Services at the March 12th Commission meeting.

Item #17 – Vendor Spotlight Update. Ms. Griffin should receive confirmation today that Owens Moving will appear at this meeting for a presentation. This item will need to be moved up on the agenda as well, as there will be outside guests.

Added Item: Public Safety Report. Commissioner Cameron and Mr. Vander Linden may have this item ready to present. The potential release of a preliminary report. They will try to have Crime Analyst Christopher Bruce present at the February 27th Commission meeting.

(Potential Commission Meeting on February 27th in Springfield)

Item #18 – MGM Quarterly Report. Mr. Ziemba will have this ready to present. There will also be a request for a vote on the Residential requirement.

Item #19 – Springfield Chief Development Officer – Update. Mr. Tim Sheehan will provide the Commission with an update on the status of the Residential requirement project.

Item #20 – Business Technical Assistance Grant – Introduce Recipient. Ms. Griffin will introduce two recipients and update the Commission on their plans. The presentation will feature the Franklin County CEC and Leaf Local Enterprises Assistance Fund. Both are non-profit tech assistance providers.

Item #21 – MGM GameSense Update. Mr. Vander Linden will connect this item to the MGM Quarterly Report. He stated that it would be helpful to present this item just before it.

Item #22 – Springfield Lottery Impact Study. Mr. Vander Linden will have this item ready to present.

Added Item: Vendor Spotlight. Ms. Griffin would like to feature a successful diversity vendor with MGM Springfield and will reach out to MGM for suggestions.

(Potential Commission Meeting on March 12th)

Item #23 – GameSense Impact Report. Mr. Vander Linden and Ms. Driscoll may have this item ready for this meeting. The work is still in progress and will be ready by the last meeting in March.

Added: Sexual Harassment Policy Update. This item will be ready to present.

Added Item: Budget Update. Mr. Lennon stated that this item is in process and that he is currently receiving documents from all sources.

Added Item: Gaming school update. Ms. Griffin would like to add an update on the Cambridge College Gaming School.

Added Item: Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel. Dr. Lightbown will present for a vote.

Added Item: Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts (SOM) Recognition Request as Breeder’s Representative Group. Dr. Lightbown will present for a vote.

Added Item: Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (MTBA) Request to Race at Finger Lakes. Dr. Lightbown will present for a vote to begin on April 6th.

Added Item: Plainridge Park Racecourse 2020 Live Racing Kick-Off. Dr. Lightbown will present at the potential March 27th meeting.

(Quarterly)

Item #24 – Licensee Quarterly Reports – MGM, PPC, & Encore. Mr. Ziembra will present the Encore and PPC Quarterly Reports on March 12th.

Item #25 – Compliance Items Update. Ms. Wells will update the Commission quarterly.

(Under Review)

Item #26 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item is currently under review.

11:24 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*****The Chair made note that she and the commissioners would like any meeting documents beyond two pages submitted as soon as possible for their review.**

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated February 5, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated February 3, 2020
3. Meeting Minutes of the February 15, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary