



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: March 21, 2024, 10:45 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
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The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. Use of this technology was intended to ensure an adequate, alternative means of public access to the Commission's deliberations for any interested member of the public.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Jordan Maynard

1. [Call to Order](#) (00:00)

Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 509th Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Legal](#) (01:02)

a. [Review and Approval of Draft Licensing Decisions of Category 1 and Category 3 Sports Wagering Operators](#) (03:16)

Interim Executive Director and General Counsel Todd Grossman introduced Deputy General Counsel Justin Stempeck. Attorney Stempeck stated that this meeting was intended to finalize a number of draft licensing decisions on applicants awarded sports wagering licenses.

I. [American Wagering, Inc.](#) (06:02)

Commissioner O'Brien noted that some facts presented by the operators had changed between the time they presented and this meeting. Attorney Stempeck stated that a footnote would be added to the first page of each decision noting that the information was accurate at the time the decision was written.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of American Wagering, Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

II. [Bally's Interactive, LLC](#) (09:57)

Commissioner Maynard moved that the Commission adopt the decision deeming Bally's Interactive, LLC eligible to request a category three sports wagering operator license as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

III. [Betfair Interactive US LLC](#) (14:07)

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of Betfair Interactive US, LLC d/b/a FanDuel as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

IV. [BetMGM](#) (19:30)

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of BetMGM as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Maynard seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Maynard: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

V. [Betr Holdings, Inc.](#) (22:59)

Attorney Stempeck noted that in the decision on Betr, Commissioner O'Brien's "nay" vote was reflected in the signature block. He explained that the document presented outlined the Commission's initial decision to allow Betr to be eligible to apply for a sports wagering license but further noted that Betr had since ceased operating in the Commonwealth.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of Betr Holdings, Inc. as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Maynard: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

VI. [Digital Gaming Corporation USA](#) (26:35)

Attorney Stempeck explained that the decision for Digital Gaming Corporation USA ("DGC") reflected that DGC never operated in the Commonwealth and had subsequently withdrawn its application.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of Digital Gaming Corporation USA as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VII. [Crown MA Gaming LLC](#) (33:16)

Commissioner Maynard moved that the Commission adopt the written sports wagering licensing decision of Crown MA Gaming LLC d/b/a DraftKings as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

VIII. [FBG Enterprises Opco LLC](#) (36:08)

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of FBG Enterprises Opco LLC d/b/a Fanatics as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

IX. [Blue Tarp reDevelopment LLC](#) (37:53)

Attorney Stempeck noted that MGM Springfield was granted a durable finding of suitability as a category one sports wagering licensee.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of Blue Tarp reDevelopment LLC d/b/a MGM Springfield as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

X. [Plainville Gaming Redevelopment LLC](#) (39:45)

Attorney Stempeck noted that this written decision memorialized that Plainridge Park Casino ("PPC") initially received a finding of preliminary suitability in 2022. He explained that PPC subsequently had an adjudicatory hearing on durable suitability on which a decision was still being drafted.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of Plainville Gaming Redevelopment LLC d/b/a Plainridge Park Casino as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Maynard seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

XI. [Penn Sports Interactive, LLC](#) (43:16)

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of Penn Sports Interactive, LLC as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Commissioner Maynard stated that there was a footnote on this decision that appeared to be a comment. Attorney Stempeck stated that the footnote would be removed.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Maynard: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

XII. [PointsBet](#) (45:08)

Attorney Stempeck explained that PointsBet was eligible to request a license, but that PointsBet had withdrawn from the Commonwealth before requesting a license.

Commissioner Maynard moved that the Commission adopt the written sports wagering licensing decision of PointsBet MA LLC d/b/a PointsBet as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Maynard: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

XIII. [Encore Boston Harbor](#) (47:41)

Attorney Stempeck noted that Encore Boston Harbor received a durable finding of suitability as a category one sports wagering licensee.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of Encore Boston Harbor as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Maynard: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

XIV. [Wynn Sports Interactive, Ltd.](#) (49:14)

Attorney Stempeck noted that WynnBET had ceased operations in Massachusetts, and that a notation would be made in the decision listing the date that their decision to cease operations was approved.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the written sports wagering licensing decision of Wynn Sports Interactive, Ltd. d/b/a WynnBET as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

3. [Commissioner Updates](#) (51:52)

The Commission thanked Interim Executive Director Grossman for his work performed in the interim position. Commissioner Maynard noted that it was Chair Judd-Stein's final meeting as a commissioner and expressed appreciation for her work. Chair Judd-Stein thanked her fellow commissioners.

4. [Other Business](#) (55:44)

Hearing no other business, Chair Judd-Stein requested a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Hill moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Maynard: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Amended Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated March 19, 2024](#)