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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** March 25, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292  
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 383 2134

**Present:**

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Bruce Band
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Trupti Banda
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	Katrina Jagroop-Gomes
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Derek Lennon
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Jill Griffin
Karen Wells	Loretta Lillios
Todd Grossman	Bill Curtis
Mark Vander Linden	Alexandra Lightbown
Joe Delaney	Elaine Driscoll

### Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 74<sup>th</sup> Agenda-Setting meeting. Given the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Charles 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. In keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission is conducting this public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

### Approval of Minutes

*Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of March 25, 2020, 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.*

*Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Yes.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

## **Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings**

*(Scheduled Commission Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>)*

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ms. Wells will have an administrative update.

Item #2 – Regulations. There are no regulations up for approval at this time.

Item #3 – Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update. Commissioner Stebbins requested that this item be placed under review indefinitely in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that there will be a need to address and support our tourism and hospitality industry when it is appropriate.

Item #4 – Legislative Activities Report. This report will be ready to present, in the context of updates regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair stated that the Legal Division should track any legislative activity regarding the pandemic, coordinating with Commissioner Stebbins, Ms. Wells, Ms. Griffin, and Mr. Delaney.

Item #5 – Workforce Development Grant Update. This item will be placed under review. Ms. Wells will identify the appropriate time to discuss.

Item #6 – Massachusetts Cultural Mitigation Program RFP Update. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #7 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies Discussion. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #8 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #9 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Waiver of Qualifying Race Requirement. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item # 10 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Promotional Fund Consideration. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #11 – Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts (SOM) Recognition Request as Breeder's Representative Group. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #12 – PPC Handicapping Promotion Fund Use. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #13 – MGM Qualifier. Ms. Lillios will request approval for an MGM Qualifier. There will also be an Encore Qualifier.

Item #14 – GameSense Impact Report. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #15 – Play My Way at Cat. 1 Update. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #16 – Encore Request to Delay Launch of PlayMyWay. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #17 – Data Storage & Access Report – Demo – Research Page on Website. This item will be placed under review for the present time, as the launch is now delayed.

Item #18 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #19 – Springfield Lottery Impact Study. Mr. Vander Linden can have this item ready to present. The researchers for this study would be notified well in advance. The Commission will assess the current situation as the meeting nears and make a decision. The Commission can also acknowledge that the report is available on the website for public review as part of an announcement strategy for this item.

Item #20 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics Update. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #21 – Plainridge Park Racecourse 2020 Live Racing Kick-Off. Dr. Lightbown will have this item ready to present closer to the re-opening of the racecourse. She will confirm at next Agenda-Setting meeting.

Item #22 – Workforce & Vendor Reporting Template. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #23 – Region C – Comments - Responses. This item will be presented at today's Commission meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

Item #24 – Everett 6 Month Public Safety Report. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #25 – Budget Updates. Derek and Enrique will have these updates ready to present to the Commission. The Commission will convene as needed regarding this item.

Item #26 – Wynn Independent Monitor 6-Month Baseline Report: This item will be placed under review for the present time, until early May.

Item #27 – Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (MTBA) Request to Race at Finger Lakes. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #28 – Compliance Items Update. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item # 29 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item will be placed under review for the present time. Commissioner Zuniga noted that RFI responses have been received.

Item #30 – Quarterly Reports. This item will be placed under review for the present time.

Item #31 – Community Mitigation Update. This item will be placed under review for the present time, and is anticipated for the end of June. The Chair noted that she would like to see an update on construction at the appropriate time.

10:38 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Stebbins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.*

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner Cameron: Aye.*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.*

*Commissioner Stebbins: 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 March 23, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated March 23, 2020
3. Meeting Minutes of the March 4, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins  
Secretary