



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: March 25, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 916 2822

Present: Chair Cathy Judd-Stein
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien

Given the unprecedented circumstances, 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 the public and individuals interested in attending public meetings during the global Coronavirus pandemic. In keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission conducted this public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

Call to Order

2:00 p.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order public meeting #295 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”).

The Chair confirmed a quorum for the meeting with a Roll-Call Vote.

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.

Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

Next, the Chair made an opening statement regarding the Commission meeting of March 14, 2020, addressing the temporary suspension of operations for the three casinos, and the governor’s order issued on March 23, 2020, for only the operation of essential services and prohibition of gatherings of more than ten people through Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at noon. She commended the licensees and Commission staff in their demonstration of compassionate leadership during

this difficult time. She also expressed gratitude for all essential workers and the military during this time.

Executive Staff Update

[2:04 p.m.](#)

Operational Status of Gaming Licensees in light of the Coronavirus

Interim Executive Director Karen Wells stated that consistent with the governor's directive; all staff is continuing to work remotely, except Massachusetts State Police and municipal police members of the Gaming Enforcement Unit ("GEU") who are onsite at casinos and the Commission's office.

In light of the governor's order, Ms. Wells recommends that the Commission extend the temporary suspension of casino operations from March 14 until April 7 at noon. The Commission will reconvene before April 7 to evaluate and make any further determination. Each Commissioner concurred with Ms. Wells' recommendations.

[2:09 p.m.](#)

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission extend the temporary suspension of operations at the three gaming establishments initially instituted on March 14, 2020, through April 7, 2020, at noon, consistent with Governor Baker's Order issued on March 23, 2020, and the Commission's statutory obligations, which were discussed at the Commission meeting held on March 14, 2020. The Commission will continue to review and assess the public health condition in cooperation with the appropriate authorities and gaming licensees, and make a determination of the status of operations in advance of April 7, 2020. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote:

Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.

Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

[2:10 p.m.](#)

Report on Receipt of Responses to Request For Information ("RFI") and Public Comments regarding Region C

Ms. Wells updated the Commission on the receipt of responses to the RFI and public comments regarding questions that the Commission had presented concerning Region C. The deadline for responses and comments was March 16, 2020. She reported six responses received to the RFI, and numerous responses received to the public comments. Ms. Wells recommends that staff distribute them to the Commission allowing time for review and evaluation, and then reconvene at an appropriate time to determine the next steps.

[2:16 p.m.](#)

With no further business, Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Roll-Call Vote:

Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.

Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated March 23, 2020

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary