



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: March 4, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Present:

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

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein, participating remotely via telephone, called to order the 72nd Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of February 19, 2020, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

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| <i>Commissioner Zuniga:</i> | <i>Aye.</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Cameron:</i> | <i>Aye.</i> |
| <i>Chair Judd-Stein:</i> | <i>Aye.</i> |
| <i>Commissioner O'Brien:</i> | <i>Aye.</i> |
| <i>Commissioner Stebbins:</i> | <i>Abstained.</i> |

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on March 12, 2020)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ms. Wells will determine which division will update the Commission on current projects.

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

Item #3 – Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update. Commissioner Stebbins will present this item for a vote. He will be sending a draft addendum to the staff for review, and then set time aside for discussion per the Chair.

Item #4 –Legislative Activities Report. Mr. Ziemba will have this report ready regarding the status of racing and sports gaming legislation. Dr. Lightbown will join in the presentation. The Chair will accept a verbal report in lieu of materials.

Item #5 – Workforce Development Grant Update. Ms. Griffin will have two guests from Jewish Vocational Services to update highlight the Workforce Training Grant.

Item #6 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies. Commissioners Cameron and O'Brien will have a proposed draft and a memo ready for discussion purposes.

Item #7 – Licensee Quarterly Reports –PPC & Encore. Mr. Ziemba has PPC's report ready and will distribute it to the Commissioners upon receipt on Friday.

Item #8 – GameSense Update Report – PPC & Encore. Commissioner Zuniga will present these reports on behalf of Mr. Vander Linden.

Item #9 – Budget Updates. Mr. Lennon will need to discuss overtime staffing in an executive session ahead of time, so this item will be moved to April 9th Commission meeting for a vote.

Item # 10 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel. Dr. Lightbown will present this request for a vote. Mr. O'Toole will be present.

Item #11 – Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts (SOM) Recognition Request as Breeder's Representative Group. Dr. Lightbown will present this request with a PowerPoint presentation. This request will require a vote.

Item #12 – Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (MTBA) Request to Race at Finger Lakes. Dr. Lightbown will postpone this item until either the first or second meeting in April. This request will require a vote.

Added Item: Dr. Lightbown will request a variance of 205 CMR 3.12(6) that addresses the length of time horses can be out before resuming racing (variance from the 30-day requirement to 45 days). This will require a vote.

Added Item: Dr. Lightbown. PPC would like to request promotional fund use for an event. This item will require a vote. PPC's Director of Racing, Steve O'Toole will be presenting.

Added Item: Ms. Lillios will request approval for a new MGM Qualifier. This item will require a vote.

Added Item: Mr. Lennon, Mr. Band, and the IT Department would like to present a Promotional Gaming Update on the IGT house system calculation of promotional play. This will be part of the administrative update.

Added Item: Ms. Griffin would like to add an agenda item regarding the Gaming Mitigation Program, reporting on a published RFP. There may be a guest speaker.

(Potential Commission Meeting on March 26, 2020)

Item #13 – GameSense Impact. Mr. Vander Linden, Teresa Fiore, and Ms. Driscoll will have this item tentatively ready to present.

Item #14 – Play My Way at Cat. 1. Mr. Vander Linden will have an update ready. As an additional item, "Request by Encore to delay Launch" Encore has requested a delay in their launch date to January 2021. Encore staff will be present to describe the MOU to the Commission for a potential vote.

Item #15 – Data Storage & Access Report. Mr. Vander Linden will have this report ready to discuss the new Massachusetts Open Data Exchange (MODE).

Item #16 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. Mr. Vander Linden will present this report in tandem with the MODE presentation.

Item #17 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Commissioner Stebbins will fill-in for Commissioner Zuniga in the presentation of this item.

Item #18 – Plainridge Park Racecourse 2020 Live Racing Kick-Off. Dr. Lightbown will have this item ready to present.

Item #19 – Region A Gaming School Annual Report. Ms. Griffin and Mr. Curtis will present this item.

Item #20 – Region C – Comments - Responses. Ms. Wells will present this item for discussion.

Added Item: Ms. Griffin would like to present a Workforce and Vendor Reporting Template, which is the tool for a proposed new format for quarterly reporting.

(Potential Commission Meeting on April 9, 2020)

Item #21 – Everett 6 Month Public Safety Report. Commissioners Cameron and O’Brien, and Mr. Vander Linden will have this report with any public comments received for discussion.

Added Item: The Chair added the Independent Monitor’s Six-Month Baseline Report.

(Quarterly)

Item #22 – Compliance Items Update. This item is currently on hold.

(Under Review)

Item #23 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item is currently under review.

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

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated March 4, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated February 24, 2020
3. Meeting Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary