



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Agenda Setting

Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: March 5, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 112 930 8900

The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. The use of this technology was intended to ensure adequate, alternative means of public access to the Commission's deliberations for any interested member of the public.

1. Call to Order

Chair Jordan Maynard called Agenda Setting Meeting #187 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission") to order at 10:03 A.M.

Quorum was confirmed for the meeting by roll call. The following Commissioners were present for the meeting:

*Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Paul Brodeur*

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. February 12, 2025

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2025 agenda setting meeting, as included in the Commissioner's packet subject to necessary corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters. Commissioner O'Brien seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner O'Brien</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Hill</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Skinner</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Brodeur</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed 5-0.

3. Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agendas for the upcoming meetings scheduled and additional agenda items for subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notice, as follows:

Chair Maynard prompted everyone to review the proposed upcoming meeting schedule and inquired if anyone needed to request a change or add anything. Commissioner O'Brien stated that during school vacation week she may not be able to attend. Chair Maynard responded that if that is the case, topics could be moved around.

Items For Public Meeting – March 11, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill confirmed that no item(s) were anticipated.

Item #4 – Regulations: 205 CMR 256 – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck requested to add this item to the next meeting, March 27, 2025, as he is still soliciting input from stakeholders.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering: KYC Approvals – Chief Torrisi confirmed this item.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters – Director Monahan confirmed this item.

Item #7 – Quarterly Report: MGM – Chief Delaney confirmed this item and noted the request for an executive session to discuss MGM's capital expenditures.

Item #8 – Update on FY26 CMF Applications – Chief Delaney confirmed this item to discuss the status of the applications and to receive guidance from the Commission on how to proceed.

Item #9 – Raynham Facility Relocation – Dr. Lightbown requested to add this item to the March 27, 2025 public meeting.

Item #10 – Plainridge Capital Improvement Fund Request – Dr. Lightbown confirmed this item.

Item #11 – Recovery of Unclaimed Tickets – Dr. Lightbown confirmed this item.

Item #12 – Collective Bargaining Agreement Discussion – Dean Serpa confirmed this item.

Add-on-item- Director Monahan requested an item to discuss firearm detection at MGM and noted a request for an executive session.

Items For Public Meeting – March 27, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck confirmed that item 205 CMR 256 would come forward.

Associate General Counsel Wang confirmed that items 205 CMR 238.01 and 205 CMR 243.02 would come forward for a final vote. She additionally requested to add 205 CMR 138.69 pertaining to entertainment, filming and photography at the gaming establishments, proposed language for gaming licensees to submit a plan to address this issue.

Associate General Counsel Young requested to add two table games rules updates for review and approval, which are Spanish 21 and Pontoon.

Staff Attorney Birarelli requested to add 205 CMR 101 for initial review and approval. The regulation pertains to designating the clerk to handle requests for additional time instead of the full Commission.

Counsel Grossman requested an item to discuss litigation involving Landmark insurance and noted that it would require an executive session.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi confirmed this item to discuss the House Rules from FanDuel, BetMGM, MGM Springfield, and Bally's.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters – Director Monahan confirmed this item. Additionally, she requested to add an item for discussion and interpretation of the regulation which requires operators to cancel and refund unauthorized wagers. In addition, she requested to add the operators' requests for Temporary Licenses.

Item #7 – Plainridge Request for Approval of Racing Officials – Dr. Lightbown confirmed this item would come forward.

Item #8 – Proposed Research Agenda – Director Vander Linden requested to push this item to the April 10, 2025 public meeting.

Add-on-Item – Update on Employment and Vendor Diversity – CFAO Lennon requested to remove this item from the under review list to this public meeting.

Add-on-Item – Raynham Facility Relocation – Dr. Lightbown requested to move this item from the public meeting on March 11, 2025 to this public meeting.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #1 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #2 – Discussion of Illegal Markets – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed this item would remain under review and confirmed her plan to have an internal meeting with Commissioner Skinner and Executive Director Dean Serpa to discuss further.

Item #3 – Economic Impact of Sports Betting – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would remain under review and that he expects the report will be ready in April.

Item #4 – Staff Evaluations – Commissioners – Chair Maynard confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #5 – Debrief on Tyson/Paul Event and Discussion of Procedure – Chief Torrissi confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #6 – Discussion on catalogue language for UFC – Chief Torrissi confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #7 – Revere HCA – Chief Delaney confirmed this item would remain under review. He noted that the Commission still owes a response to the letter from the mayor regarding an inquiry about surrounding community status.

Item #8 – Update on Employment and Vendor Diversity – As noted above, CFAO Lennon requested to move this item to the March 27, 2025 public meeting.

Item #9 – Voluntary Self Exclusion (VSE) Program Updates – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #10 – BCLC GameSense Agreement – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #11 – Discussion on Wager Limitations – Chief Torrissi confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #12 – Review of Advertising for Sports Wagering (Saturation) – Chief Torrissi confirmed this item would remain under review.

4. Commissioner Updates

None.

5. Other Business

Having no further business, Commissioner O’Brien moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner O'Brien</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Hill</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Skinner</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Brodeur</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 A.M.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#), dated March 3, 2025.
2. February 12, 2025, Agenda Setting Minutes.

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

March 13 (Public)
March 19 (Agenda Setting)
March 27 (Public)
April 2 (Agenda Setting)
April 8 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Sports Wagering Non-Compliance)
April 9 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Sports Wagering Non-Compliance)
April 10 (Public)
April 16 (Agenda Setting)
April 17 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Sports Wagering Non-Compliance)
April 24 (Public)
April 30 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Fanatics Durable Suitability)
May 14 (Adjudicatory Hearing – PPC License Renewal)
June 17 (Adjudicatory Hearing – BetMGM Durable Suitability)