

Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 16, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292

MEETING ID: 112 677 1079

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 #190 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission") to order at approximately 10:02 A.M.

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

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. April 2, 2025

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the minutes from the April 2, 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:

Commissioner O'Brien Aye.
Commissioner Hill Abstain.
Commissioner Skinner Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur Aye.
Chair Maynard Aye.

The motion passed 4-0 with 1 abstention.

3. Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

Chair Maynard prompted everyone to review the proposed upcoming meeting schedule for April 17, 2025 to August 12, 2025 and inquired if any Commissioners had a conflict with the dates, and if any team member needed to request a change or add anything. He noted that to accommodate an event that the AGA is having, the next agenda meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and Commissioner O'Brien responded that she will not be available. Grace Robinson confirmed that due to Commissioner O'Brien being unavailable the date for the next agenda setting meeting has been moved to Monday, April 28, 2025 at 2:00 pm. Additionally, Chair Maynard noted that due to one Commissioner not being available on one meeting date, the public meeting scheduled for May 7, 2025 was rescheduled to Monday, May 5. There were no objections made to these changes.

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:

Items For Public Meeting – April 24, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST

<u>Item #1 – Administrative Update</u> – Executive Director Serpa confirmed this item.

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

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill confirmed a hold for this item.

<u>Item #4 – Regulations</u> – General Counsel Todd Grossman confirmed that he does not anticipate an item.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Chief Torrisi confirmed that she does not anticipate an item.

<u>Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters</u> – Director Monahan confirmed that she does not anticipate an item.

<u>Item #7 – Voluntary Self Exclusion (VSE) Program Updates</u> – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item.

<u>Item #8 – Annual Review for Executive Director Process Discussion</u> – Commissioner O'Brien confirmed this item and suggested that a starting point to the conversation would be the boiler plate self-assessment document along with the version of the review document that had been used for the previous Executive Director ("ED"). Chair Maynard commented that perhaps the ED could be on the same evaluation cycle as everyone else and Commissioner O'Brien commented that since the ED must do their own assessments of direct reports that it was intentional that the ED's assessment was not during the same cycle.

<u>Add-on-Item – GameSense Quarterly Update</u> – Director Vander Linden requested to add this item.

Add-on-Item – Position Exemption Request – Director Monahan requested to add this item.

Items For Public Meeting – May 7, 2025 (changed to May 5, 2025) – 10:00 AM EST

<u>Item #1 – Administrative Update</u> – Executive Director Serpa confirmed this item.

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

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

<u>Item #4 – Regulations</u> – General Counsel Todd Grossman confirmed that he does not anticipate an item.

<u>Item #5 – Sports Wagering</u> – Chief Torrisi confirmed that she does not anticipate an item.

<u>Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters</u> – Director Monahan confirmed that she does not anticipate an item, however, she noted there would be a recommendation for a civil administrative penalty for a sports wagering noncompliance matter and requested to hold time for that discussion.

<u>Item #7 – Executive Session re: Security at MGM Garage</u> – Director Monahan confirmed this item and confirmed that MGM would participate in the discussion.

Item #8 – Discussion on catalogue language for UFC – Chief Torrisi confirmed this item.

<u>Item #9 – Review of Advertising for Sports Wagering (saturation)</u> – Chief Torrisi requested to move this item to the May 22, 2025 public meeting.

Items For Public Meeting – May 22, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST

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

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

<u>Item #3 – Legislative Update</u> – Commissioner Hill confirmed this item.

<u>Item #4 – Regulations</u> – General Counsel Todd Grossman confirmed a hold for this item.

<u>Item #5 – Sports Wagering</u> – Chief Torrisi confirmed two items: a request for a waiver from 205 CMR 239.04 from FanDuel and the final KYC approval for Bally's and BetMGM. Additionally, she noted that she anticipated entering an executive session for the discussions.

<u>Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters</u> – Director Monahan confirmed that she does not anticipate an item.

<u>Add-on-Item – Quarterly Reports</u> – Chief Delaney requested this item and noted that he was coordinating with the gaming licensees to obtain materials.

 $\underline{\text{Add-on-Item}} - 3^{\text{rd}} \underline{\text{Quarter Update}} - CFAO \text{ Lennon requested this item.}$ He stated that he anticipates the first meeting in June would be the first shot at the budget, which he is working on with the Treasurer and the Executive Director.

Commissioner Hill said that he would like to discuss with Chief Delaney and the Legal Division information which he would like updates on that hasn't been historically included in the quarterly reporting. He declined to go into more detail publicly until he had the opportunity to consult with Chief Delaney and the Legal Division.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

<u>Item #1 – Compliance Committee</u> – Commissioner O'Brien confirmed this item would remain under review.

<u>Item #2 – Discussion of Illegal Markets</u> – Commissioner O'Brien confirmed this item would remain under review. She confirmed that she and Commissioner Skinner were able to meet with the AG's office to discuss certain things and she would plan to discuss with Commissioner Skinner whether there were any specific items to be brought forward in 2 by 2s, and for public consumption.

<u>Item #3 – Economic Impact of Sports Betting</u> – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would remain under review.

<u>Item #4 – Debrief on Tyson/Paul Event and Discussion of Procedure</u> – Chief Torrisi confirmed this item would remain under review.

<u>Item #5 – Revere HCA</u> – Executive Director Serpa confirmed that the letter has been drafted and that he plans to circulate for review to the Commissioners.

<u>Item #6 – BCLC GameSense Agreement</u> – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would remain under review.

<u>Item #7 – Community Mitigation Fund Application Reviews</u> – Chief Delaney confirmed this item would remain under review and that he is working with Grace Robinson to coordinate time for a separate meeting at the end of May 2025. Chair Maynard thanked Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Brodeur for serving on the committee.

<u>Item #8 – Springfield Youth Health Survey Report</u> – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would remain under review and that he anticipates bringing this item forward in May 2025.

<u>Item #9 – Exchange Market Conversation</u> – Counsel Stempeck noted there is a [Commodity Futures Trading Commission] CFTC roundtable discussion on this topic happening on the 30th and suggested that it would make sense to allow enough time to incorporate the insights from the

roundtable into the Commission's discussion. He stated that he anticipates bringing this item forward on May 22, 2025 public meeting.

Chair Maynard noted that he would like to add an item relating to PPC's 10-year anniversary. He explained how he would like to memorialize this 10-year mark with an event including the entire team, the team at PPC, and former Commission staff. He mentioned that he has discussed this idea with Executive Director Serpa. Commissioner O'Brien stated that after the PPC renewal would be ideal, and Chief Delaney and Chair Maynard expressed agreement.

4. Commissioner Updates

None.

5. Other Business

Commissioner O'Brien commented that she wanted to give Katrina an official goodbye publicly and Chair Maynard expressed agreement and further commented that, looking at Katrina's tenure [at the Commission], that she has done a lot of work.

Having no further business, Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Commissioner O'Brien Aye.
Commissioner Hill Aye.
Commissioner Skinner Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur Aye.
Chair Maynard Aye.

The motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:27 A.M.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

- 1. Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated April 14, 2025.
- 2. April 2, 2025, Agenda Setting Minutes.

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

May 28 (Adjudicatory Hearing – EBH Beverage License Renewal) May 29 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Individual Qualifier)

June 5 (Public) June 11 (Agenda) June 17 (Public)

June 18 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Sports Wagering Noncompliance)

June 25 (Agenda)

July 17 (Adjudicatory Hearing – BetMGM Durable Suitability) August 12 (Adjudicatory Hearing – FanDuel Durable Suitability)