



Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Agenda Setting
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 17, 2024 – 10:15 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 112 947 8822

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

1. Call to Order

Interim Chair Jordan Maynard called to order Agenda Setting Meeting #167 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”) at 10:17 AM.

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

Commissioner Eileen O’Brien
Commissioner Bradford R. Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Interim Chair Jordan Maynard

- 2. Minutes from Commission Agenda Setting Meetings**
- a. February 21, 2024
 - b. March 6, 2024

Commissioner Maynard moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 21, 2024, subject to necessary edits for typographical errors or non-material matters. Commissioner Skinner 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>Interim Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

Motion Passed Unanimously. 4 – 0.

Commissioner Maynard moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 6, 2024, and subject to necessary edits for typographical errors or non-material matters. Commissioner O'Brien 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>Abstain.</i>
<i>Interim Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

Motion Passed Unanimously. 3 – 0, with one abstention.

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:

Items For Public Meeting – April 30, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Dean Serpa noted that he will have an administrative update ready for the April 11th meeting.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Chair Maynard confirmed that minutes from July 12, 2024, would come forward.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill confirmed this agenda item and noted that there would likely be a House budget item to provide an update on.

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Torrasi noted that no regulations would come forward on April 30th.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Compliance Manager Steffen confirmed a House Rules update from Draft Kings would go forward. Business Manager Beauchemin inquired if Commissioners wished to continue their discussion on waivers relating to 248.04(4). Commissioners requested that this be addressed in a standalone meeting to occur in the future.

Item #6 – Community Mitigation Fund – Review of Applications – Program Manager Lily Wallace confirmed that 10 applications would be reviewed at this meeting. She anticipated that 90 minutes would be sufficient for review and discussion of the applications.

Item #7 – Responsible Gaming – Casino Job Quality Report – Research Director Dr. Bonnie Andrews requested that this item be moved to a later public meeting.

Item #8 – Responsible Gaming – Discussion of MGC Participation in National VSE Program – Program Manager Banh confirmed that this item was ready for discussion on April 30th.

Item #9 – Responsible Gaming – GameSense Quarterly Update – Program Manager Banh confirmed that this item was ready for discussion on April 30th.

Item #10 – Legal & IEB: Follow Up on Process for Alleged SW Noncompliance Adjudicatory Hearings – IEB Director Caitlin Monahan confirmed this item for April 30th and noted that 2x2s would be scheduled with the Commissioners prior to the presentation of this agenda item.

Item #11 – Legal Division – Promotional/Bonus Regulation (Ohio Example) –Deputy General Counsel Torrisi confirmed that this item would be ready to proceed on April 30th.

Add-on Item – Racing Division – Opening Day Update – Director of Racing, Dr. Alexandra Lightbown requested an agenda item for a brief update on racing opening day at Plainridge Park.

Add-on Item – Legal Division – Wynn/Ceasar’s Amended Agreement – Deputy General Counsel Torrisi requested an agenda item for the commissioners to review and approve the updated agreement between Wynn and Ceasars in compliance with 205 CMR 230.

Items For Public Meeting – May 9, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update –Executive Director Serpa confirmed that an Administrative update would be presented.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Chairman Maynard confirmed minutes for this meeting.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill requested that this item should remain on the agenda.

Item #4 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman requested that this item be held for the May 23, 2024, public meeting.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Compliance Manager Steffen requested an agenda item for discussion of a request from BetMGM.

Item #6 – Community Mitigation Fund – Review of Applications – Chief Joe Delaney confirmed that 11 applications would be reviewed at this meeting. She anticipated 90 minutes for the review of the applications.

Add-on Item – Finance Division – Q3 Finance Update – CFAO Lennon requested a brief agenda item be added for the presentation of the Q3 Budget.

Add-on Item – Responsible Gaming – GameSense Evaluation – Dr. Bonnie Andrews requested an agenda item for the review and discussion of the GameSense Program.

Items For Public Meeting – May 23, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update –Executive Director Serpa confirmed that an Administrative update would be presented.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Chairman Maynard confirmed minutes for this meeting.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill confirmed that this item should remain on the agenda.

Item #4 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman noted that this item should be held for a future meeting.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – This item was requested to be held for the May 23 meeting.

Item #6 – Community Mitigation Fund – Review of Applications – Program Manager Lily Wallace confirmed that 7 applications would be presented on May 23. She anticipated that 90 minutes would be sufficient for review and discussion. Senior Program Manager Mary Thurlow requested discussion and review of two Quarterly Reports from the gaming licensees. *This item was tentatively scheduled for May 23.*

Item #7 – Independent Monitor – Commissioner O’Brien requested review of the Independent Monitor’s report. She estimated that discussion of this item would span 90 minutes, and that the report would be delivered to the Commission two weeks prior to the meeting date.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #1 – ILEV Review Process – Commissioner Hill requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #2 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O’Brien requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #3 – HCA Compliance Update (All Properties) – Commissioner Skinner requested that this agenda item remain under review.

Item #4 – EBH – East Broadway; Process & Ultimate Action – Senior Program Manager Mary Thurlow requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #5 – Multi-Factorial Authentication Regulation (Ohio Example) – Deputy General Counsel requested that this item remain under review for the time being. She anticipated that this item would be ready for presentation after the Commission reviewed additional presentations and updates from sports wagering operators on KYC protocols.

Item #6 – DPH Report – Equity Pillars & Problem Gambling – Commissioner O’Brien requested that this item remain under review.

Item #7 – Responsible Gaming – Evaluation of the GameSense Program – Program Manager Banh noted that this matter would go forward on May 9, 2024.

Item #8 – Responsible Gaming – Gambling Advertising Report – Dr. Andrews requested that this item remain under review.

Item #9 – Finance Division – Discussion of Procurement Thresholds – CFAO Lennon noted that this would be a follow up presentation to the Commissioners after the first discussion on procurements. Commissioners reached consensus that this item remain under review for the time being.

Item #10 – Licensing Division – PPC Beverage License Renewal – Director Monahan noted that this matter would proceed via an adjudicatory hearing in early June.

Item #11 – Sports Wagering– Briefing on Waivers for Technical Compliance with 205 CMR 257 – Commissioner O’Brien requested an update from the Legal and Sports Wagering Divisions on the waivers granted by the Commission, including when they expire. She also requested that a part of this update include a technical update from the Licensees on their progress towards compliance with the Data Privacy regulation, 205 CMR 257.

Item #12 – Discussion of Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) as Responsible Gaming Tool – Commissioners reached consensus that this item should remain under review for the time being.

Item #13 – MGC-Licensee Seal of Approval – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed that this item was in progress but should remain under review.

Add-on Item – Gaming Licensee Diversity Audit – Commissioner Skinner noted that this item would be presented for the Commission soon.

4. Commissioner Updates

Commissioners had no updates at this meeting.

5. Other Business – Reserved for Matters the Chair Did Not Reasonably Anticipate at the Time of Posting

Having no further business, Commissioner Hill moved to adjourn. 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>Interim Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed unanimously 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting & Agenda](#), dated April 12, 2024

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

April 17 (Agenda Setting)
April 30 (Public)
May 1 (Agenda Setting)
May 9 (Public)
May 14 (MGC Conference)
May 15 (Agenda Setting)
May 23 (Public)
May 29 (Agenda Setting)
June 3 (Public – SW Quarterly Reports)