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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission

### Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** April 2, 2025 – 10:00 a.m. EST

**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292  
MEETING ID: 111 706 1862

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 #189 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission") to order at 10:01 A.M.

*Chair Maynard announced that Commissioner Bradford Hill and Commissioner Paul Brodeur would be absent from today's meeting.*

***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 Nakisha Skinner*

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

##### **a. March 19, 2025**

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the minutes from the March 19, 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 Skinner       Aye.*  
*Chair Maynard               Aye.*

*The motion passed 3-0.*

### **3. Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings**

*Chair Maynard prompted everyone to review the proposed upcoming meeting schedule for April 3, 2025 to June 25, 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. Deputy General Counsel Stempeck brought to the attention of the Commissioners that there were two additional tentative dates added: May 28 for the Alcohol Beverage License Renewal for Encore and April 29 for the Individual Qualifier Suitability Hearing for Encore. Commissioner O'Brien commented that on that day she is only available until 11:00 am and Counsel Stempeck confirmed that was noted in the schedule.*

*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 10, 2025 – 10:00 AM EST**

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

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes: Executive Session – Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item and noted that in addition to the executive session minutes there will be public meeting minutes to review.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Chair Maynard tentatively confirmed this item.

Item #4 – Regulations: Racing – Associate General Counsel Foxx confirmed this item and noted the addition of one regulation to establish a mortality review committee. She noted that these regulations will come with a request for a vote for emergency enactment. Commissioner Skinner inquired about what type of committee was mentioned, and Counsel Foxx confirmed it was the mortality review committee, in the event of a death of a horse. Chair Maynard noted that Dr. Lightbown referenced the committee at a previous meeting.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering: DraftKings' Void Request and Wager Limitations Update – Chief Torrisi confirmed these two items.

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

Item #7 – Executive Session re: Security at MGM Garage – Director Monahan confirmed this item. She noted that some participants are located in Vegas and requested a later starting time.

Item #8 – FY26 Proposed Research Agenda – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item.

Item #9 – Raynham Facility Relocation – Dr. Lightbown noted that the Commissioners toured the facility last week and that there are still things that need to be completed on the facility. Chair Maynard confirmed with his fellow Commissioners that this item would be pushed back to a later date.

Item #10 – 2024 Annual Report for Racing – Dr. Lightbown confirmed this item.

Item #11 – Recognition of the Jockey's Guild as the Representative Group – Dr. Lightbown confirmed this item and noted that it starts the process of the distribution of the \$65,000 under [M.G.L c.] 128A.

Add-on-Item – Update on Grantee: LEAF – Boniswa Sundai, Senior DEI Program Manager, stated that as per the grant award, LEAF is required to provide a presentation to the Commission at this time.

Add-on-Item – Executive Session for Union Negotiations – Deputy General Counsel Hentoff requested this item and requested for it to be scheduled at the start of the meeting due to the time constraints of outside counsel.

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

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

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

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Chair Maynard confirmed a hold for this item.

Item #4 – Regulations – 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.

Item #6 – Non-Compliance Matters – Director Monahan confirmed she does not anticipate an item.

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

Add-on-Item – Executive Director Evaluation – Commissioner O'Brien requested an item to discuss the process for evaluating the role of the Executive Director via a committee, especially given that Commissioner Brodeur has joined. Commissioner Skinner inquired about the role of a committee and Commissioner O'Brien explained in the past that she and a former Commissioner were tasked with updating the evaluation form, since it had not been updated in a while. Chair Maynard commented for the purpose of clarification that this is a two-fold question: first, do Commissioners want to update the form and is the form good and second, the Commissioners completing the form. Commissioner O'Brien confirmed.

### 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. She stated that she and Commissioner Skinner would plan to meet with the AG’s office. Commissioner O’Brien commented that she would also like to add to that meeting with the AG’s office, a discussion of the regulated prediction markets. Chair Maynard commented that the exchange markets may also be an item that Commissioners Skinner and O’Brien may want to work on.

Item #3 – Economic Impact of Sports Betting – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would remain under review and is in the final stages of review.

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

Item #5 – Discussion on catalogue language for UFC – Chief Torrisi confirmed this item would be moved to the May 7, 2025 public meeting.

Item #6 – Revere HCA – Executive Director Serpa confirmed this item would remain under review and confirmed that he and Counselor Grossman would continue to work on a draft of the letter.

Item #7 – BCLC GameSense Agreement – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would remain under review.

Item #8 – Review of Advertising for Sports Wagering (Saturation) – Counsel Young confirmed that she has done research across the U.S., Europe, Australia, and the U.K on the issue and prepared a memorandum. She requested to present this item at the May 7, 2025 public meeting.

Item #9 – Community Mitigation Fund Application Reviews – Chief Delaney confirmed this item would remain under review likely until the end of May 2025. He further stated that it is yet to be determined whether a separate public meeting is anticipated.

Item #10 – Springfield Youth Health Survey Report – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item would remain under review and he is waiting to confirm the availability of the presenters.

Add-on-Item – Prediction Exchange Markets – Commissioner O’Brien requested this item. Counsel Stempeck stated that he and Chief Torrisi of the Sports Wagering Division have been monitoring this issue closely and can put together a memorandum outlining where things stand.

#### **4. Commissioner Updates**

None.

#### **5. Other Business**

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

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien*      *Aye.*  
*Commissioner Skinner*      *Aye.*  
*Chair Maynard*              *Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously 3-0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 A.M.*

### **List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#), dated March 31, 2025.
2. March 19, 2025, Agenda Setting Minutes.

### **FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:**

April 3 (Public – Sports Wagering Quarterly Reports)  
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 29 (Agenda)  
April 30 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Fanatics Durable Suitability)  
May 1 (Public – PPC License Renewal)  
May 8 (Adjudicatory Hearing – Individual Qualifier)  
May 14 (Adjudicatory Hearing – PPC License Renewal)  
June 17 (Adjudicatory Hearing – BetMGM Durable Suitability)  
August 12 (Adjudicatory Hearing – FanDuel Durable Suitability)