



Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Agenda Setting
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 03, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 111 234 3358

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 #166 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”).

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. 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 11, 2024 – 10:00 AM

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

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Chair Maynard and Associate Counsel Young confirmed that minutes from July 11, 2024 would come forward on April 11, 2024.

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 Torrisi confirmed the Legal Division would bring forward 204 CMR 257.00 for promulgation. Deputy General Counsel Stempeck confirmed that three amended racing regulations, 205 CMR 3.12, 3.29, and 6.24 would also come forward for initial promulgation on April 11, 2024. Crystal Beauchemin Sports Wagering Business Manager confirmed that a waiver discussion pertaining to 257 would likely be discussed at the April 11, meeting. She explained that the waivers pertained to the previous version of 257 and were in effect until June 30, 2024. Commissioners noted their preference for 2x2's on this matter.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Business Manager Beauchemin confirmed an agenda item for Bally's to provide an update on their application before the Commission. She also confirmed an agenda item for a Catalog request from the Pro-Volleyball Association. Lastly, Business Manager Beauchemin also requested a third item pertaining to waivers for 248.04(4).

Item #6 – Community Mitigation Fund – New Applications – Chief Joe Delaney confirmed that six applications would be discussed at the April 11, meeting.

Item #7 – Legal & IEB: Process for Alleged SW Noncompliance Adjudicatory Hearings – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck confirmed this item and noted that 2x2s would be scheduled with the Commissioners, given the nuance of the matter.

Add-on Item – Legal Division – Promotional/Bonus Regulation (Ohio Example) – Deputy General Counsel Torrisi requested that item number 5 from 'Under Review' be discussed at the April 11, 2024, public meeting. Commissioner O'Brien requested that the public comments sent to the Ohio Gaming Commission be included with the meeting materials for this agenda item. Deputy General Counsel Torrisi confirmed that she would bring these materials forward, if possible.

Add-on Item – Racing Division – PPC Request for Wager - Director Lightbown requested an agenda item for discussion of a request for a certain wager from Manager Steve O'Toole.

Add-on Item – Legal Division – Baccarat Rules Update – Associate Counsel Young requested an agenda item to discuss rule updates for Baccarat, Midi Baccarat, and Mini Baccarat.

Items For Public Meeting – April 25, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Transcriber's note: Prior to the discussion of this meeting's agenda, Commissioners noted that this meeting may need to be re-scheduled to accommodate for scheduling.

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

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed minutes would come forward at this meeting.

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

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Torrissi noted that no regulations were expected at this meeting.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – *Earlier in the meeting, Business Manager Beauchemin noted that the Sports Wagering team would not be presenting any items at this meeting due to travel.*

Item #6 – Community Mitigation Fund – Review of Applications – Chief Joe Delaney confirmed that 10 applications would be expected to be reviewed at this meeting.

Item #7 – Responsible Gaming – Casino Job Quality Report – Director of the Research and Responsible Gaming Division, Mark Vander Linden, confirmed this item for the April 11, 2024, meeting.

Item #8 – Responsible Gaming – Discussion of MGC Participation in National VSE Program – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item for the April 11, 2024, meeting.

Item #9 – Responsible Gaming – GameSense Quarterly Update – Director Vander Linden confirmed this item for the April 11, 2024, meeting.

Add-on Item – IEB – Discussion of 3 SW Noncompliance matters – IEB Director Caitlin Monahan requested an agenda item to discuss three noncompliance matters with the Commissioners to determine how they would like to proceed.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #1 – ILEV Review Process – Chief Delaney 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) – Chief Delaney requested to keep this agenda item under review, as work was still ongoing.

Item #4 – EBH – East Broadway; Process & Ultimate Action – Chief Delaney requested to keep this agenda item under review, as they had not received an update from EBH.

Item #5 – Promotional/Bonus Regulation (Ohio Example) – *This item was scheduled for the April 11, 2024, public meeting.*

Item #6 – Multi-Factorial Authentication Regulation (Ohio Example) – Deputy General Counsel requested that this item remain under review.

Item #7 – DPH Report – Equity Pillars & Problem Gambling – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed that this item would remain under review.

Item #8 – Sports Wagering Operators’ Quarterly Reports – Ms. Beauchemin confirmed that this item would come forward on a recurring basis. Commissioners reached consensus that this agenda item would come forward at its own separate meeting to accommodate for timing.

Item #9 – Evaluation of the GameSense Program – Director Vander Linden requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #10 – Responsible Gaming – Gambling Advertising Report – Director Vander Linden requested that this item be placed under review during its finalization.

Item #11 – Finance Division – Discussion of Procurement Thresholds – Commissioner Hill requested that this item remain under review.

Item #12 – Licensing Division – PPC Beverage License Renewal – Director Monahan requested an adjudicatory hearing for this item in early June. She noted that she would work with Grace Robinson and Chief O’Brien to schedule the matter.

Item #13 – Discussion of Interim Chair Serving as Secretary – Chair Maynard noted that this item could be removed from under review, as it was discussed at a prior meeting.

Add-on Item – Independent Monitor – Commissioner O’Brien requested an agenda item for discussion of the report from the Independent Monitor sometime on May 23, 2024, or early June 2024.

Add-on Item – SW Waiver Update – Commissioner O’Brien requested an update on the waivers granted by the Commission, and a technical update from the Licensees on their ongoing compliance with the Data Privacy regulation, 205 CMR 257.

Add-on Item – Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) and Responsible Gaming Discussion – Commissioner O’Brien requested an item be placed under review for the discussion of utilization of AI to identify and prevent gambling disorder. Director Vander Linden agreed and requested that a preliminary discussion occur sometime soon.

Add-on Item – Limiting Wagers – Interim Chair Maynard requested a roundtable to discuss limiting wagers as a separate meeting with an executive session as needed. Commissioners reached consensus on this item and agreed that it should take place as a separate meeting.

Add-on Item – MGC Seal of Approval – Commissioner O’Brien and Deputy General Counsel Stempeck confirmed that this item was in progress and would be ready for discussion and review by the Commission soon. Communications Chief Thomas Mills noted that this item should be put under review until it comes forward at a public meeting later in May.

Add-on Item – Responsible Gaming Conference – May 14 – Commissioner O’Brien requested that this item be added to the Commission’s calendar.

3. Commissioner Updates

Commissioners had no updates at this meeting.

4. Other Business – Reserved For Matters The Chair Did Not Reasonably Anticipate At The Time Of Posting

Having no further business, Commissioner O’Brien moved to adjourn. Commissioner Skinner 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 1, 2024

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

April 3 (Agenda Setting)
April 3 (Public Meeting)
April 11 (Public)
April 17 (Agenda Setting)
April 25 (Public)* TBD