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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** May 26, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

**Place:** VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292  
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112-162-9908

### Call to Order

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 102nd Agenda-Setting meeting. She noted that given the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the global Coronavirus pandemic, Governor Baker issued an order to provide limited relief from certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law to protect the health and safety of individuals interested in attending public meetings. In keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission conducted a public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

*The Chair confirmed a quorum for the meeting by Roll Call. The following Commissioners were in attendance:*

*Commissioner Cameron*

*Commissioner O'Brien*

*Commissioner Zuniga*

*Chair Judd-Stein*

### Approval of Agenda Setting Minutes

*Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the agenda setting meeting minutes from May 12, 2021, subject to correction for typographical errors and other nonmaterial matters.*

*Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Commissioner Cameron      Aye*

*Commissioner O'Brien      Aye*

*Commissioner Zuniga      Aye*

*Chair Judd-Stein      Aye*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

### Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

*The Commission discussed the anticipated agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting scheduled for June 3, 2021, and subsequent meetings as described in the attached agenda planning notes, as follows:*

**Item #1 – Administrative Update-** Executive Director Wells stated that she had three matters to present before the Commission. (1) An update with the Communications division with Austin Bumpus; (2) a staff recognition for Interim Communications Director Sarah Magazine who is



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departing from MGC; and (3) the onsite casino update from Assistant IEB Director and Gaming Agents Chief Bruce Band, and IEB Director Loretta Lillios

Item #2 – Regulations- General Counsel Grossman indicated there are not any regulations or other legal matters in need of public review by the Commission but he did have another matter and that pertains to the transfer of interest involving the real property at MGM Springfield. He indicated that the Commission has received notice of an intent from MGM to transfer the property into a REIT similar to the transaction that happened with PPC. He then touched on the procedure that the Commission follows to ultimately determine whether to approve the transaction. There are a couple of threshold issues that have been raised that will acquire the Commission's immediate attention, however, and proposed adding the matter to next public meeting agenda June 17<sup>th</sup>. He noted that they are essentially the same issues the Commissioners looked at when they reviewed the GLPI transfer of PPC and relates to the term of years of the lease that would result from the transfer, and a review of the trust instrument that has been submitted and the proposed trustee.

Item #3 – Legislative Updates- Director of Diversity and Legislative Affairs Jill Griffin indicated there were not any new updates to report.

Item #4 –Public Records Process – Associate General Counsel Carrie Torrasi will be presenting this item as well as item #5, and both are ready for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Item #5 –NDA Discussion- discussed with item #4.

Item #6- Police Reform Bill- Ms. Torrasi stated this item will be ready to present to the Commission at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Item #7 –Community Mitigation Fund- Application Summary- Joseph Delaney stated this item is ready for presentation to the Commission on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, but there is an additional item to add to the agenda as well pertaining to two of the workforce grants. These are the items in which additional funds may be available in addition amounts already granted by the Commission at a prior meeting.

Item #8-Budget Discussion – CFAO Derek Lennon stated this item will be ready to go before the Commission on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and that it will just be a discussion and he will set up two by twos in advance of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> and comeback for a vote June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Add-On Item- Ms. Lillios stated IEB has a qualifier to Plainridge Park Casino ready for suitability determination by the Commission. This item will be added to the agenda.

Item #9- Budget Review – Full Budget discussion and review and vote was scheduled for the June 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Item #10 – MGC Employee Vendor and Diversity – Ms. Wells requested this item to be moved to the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Add-On- Dr. Lightbown requested that the item pertaining to the distribution of funds from the Racehorse Development Fund for the benefit of jockeys and drivers be added to the agenda for June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Future meetings*

Item #11- Request to amend PPC Racing Covid plan to allow up to three owners in Winners Circle – Dr. Lightbown stated this can be taken off as it will be discussed at the public meeting that followed the agenda setting meeting.

Item #12 – Responsible Gaming Framework- Follow up – Mr. Vander Linden would like to add this item to the July 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Item #13 – ILEV Review Process – Commissioner Zuniga stated this item should be kept under review for now as it is not time sensitive.

*Having no further business, Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting.*

*Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Commissioner Cameron: Aye.*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated May 24, 2021
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes