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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** May 27, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292  
PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 656 2936

**Present:**

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Bruce Band
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Trupti Banda
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	Katrina Jagroop-Gomes
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Derek Lennon
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Jill Griffin
Karen Wells	Loretta Lillios
Todd Grossman	Bill Curtis
Mark Vander Linden	Alexandra Lightbown
Joe Delaney	Elaine Driscoll
Chad Bourque	

### Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 77<sup>th</sup> Agenda-Setting meeting. Given the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the global Coronavirus pandemic, Governor Charles 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 will conduct a public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

*The Chair confirmed a quorum for the meeting by Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Commissioner Cameron:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner O'Brien:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Zuniga:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Stebbins:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Chair Judd-Stein:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

### Approval of Minutes

10:01 a.m. *Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of May 13, 2020, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.*

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner Cameron: Aye.*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.*

*Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

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

*(Scheduled Commission Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>)*

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ms. Wells will have an administrative update. There will be a separate Commission meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> designated for the Commission's approval of the reopening guidelines for the licensees. There will also be an additional agenda item to educate the Commissioners on what the executive offices are recommending at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. Commissioner Zuniga would like to assess the potential for incremental costs of reopening at this meeting as part of this discussion, or at a future discussion.

Item #2 – Regulations. The Horse Racing Committee has requested a potential amendment to 205 CMR 149.04, to develop a new approach to determine the distribution percentage ("split"). The amendment would allow the committee and Commission flexibility to perform the split either by the original method or the proposed additional option, in an effort to distribute funds more precisely. This amendment may be requested for emergency adoption.

Item #3 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies Discussion. This item will be ready to present. Staff will conduct 2x2 meetings to brief Commissioners. A document will be recirculated to Commissioners straightaway, and Ms. Banda will confirm with the guest speaker, Maura McLaughlin of Morgan, Brown & Joy.

Item #4 – Budget Discussion – Year 2021. This will be a discussion as to whether or not to vote at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, after receiving public comment. The third meeting on this will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Topics will include new costs such as cleaning and preparations for returning to the office.

Item #5 – MA Cultural Mitigation Program RFP Update. Anita Walker, Executive Director of Mass Cultural Council will update the Commission on the Gaming Mitigation Program and the new Safe Harbors COVID-19 Initiative for Cultural Organizations.

Added item: Horse Racing Opening Status Review and Discussion. The Chair requested an update on preparations for reopening.

Added Item: MGM Qualifier. IEB requests a vote on a completed suitability investigation for a potential MGM Qualifier.

Added Item: PPC License Renewal. Mr. Delaney will provide the Commission with an update on the status of the application, and to discuss PPC's request to adjust the timing of the fee payment (prerequisite for the completed application set by the Commission).

*(Potential Commission Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>)*

Item #6 – Budget Year 2021. Discussion. Final vote will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. See above item #5.

Item #7 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics Update. This item will be moved to the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Commission meeting.

Item #8 – Community Mitigation Fund Presentations (Part 1 of 3). Mr. Delaney will have information to the Commissioners by June 12th. Time will be reserved at the July 2nd meeting in case more meeting time is needed. The vote will be at the last meeting, after all applications have been reviewed.

Item #9 – Forms of Gambling Paper. This item will be ready to present. Dr. Rachel Volberg of UMass Amherst will be presenting.

Added Item: PPC License Renewal. The Commission will vote on PPC's License Renewal application.

*(Potential Commission Meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>)*

Item # 10 – Community Mitigation Fund Presentations (Part 2 of 3). This item will be ready to present.

*(Potential Commission Meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics Update.

Community Mitigation Fund Presentations (Part 3 of 3). Final vote; and

Budget year 2021. Final vote.

*(Under Review)*

Item #11 – Use of Delinquency Info for Suitability (c.119, s.60). This item is currently under review, as a placeholder for a policy discussion.

Item #12 – Workforce Development Grant Update. This item will be removed.

Item #13 – Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (MTBA) Request to Race at Finger Lakes. This item is currently under review.

Item #14 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel. This item will remain under review until a date for racing to resume at Plainridge Park Racecourse is determined.

Item #15 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Waiver of Qualifying Race Requirement. This item will remain under review until a date for racing to resume at Plainridge Park Racecourse is determined.

Item #16 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Promotional Fund Consideration. This item will remain under review until a date for racing to resume at Plainridge Park Racecourse is determined.

Item #17 – Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts (SOM) Recognition Request as Breeder’s Representative Group. This item will be presented at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

Item #18 – GameSense Impact Report. This item will be on the agenda for the June 18<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

Item #19 – MAGIC Waves 1 – 4. This item will be on the agenda for the July 30<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

Item #20 – Data Storage & Access Report – Demo – Research Page on Website. This item will be presented in tandem with the GameSense Impact Report.

Item #21 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. This item is currently under review.

Item #22 – Workforce & Vendor Reporting Template. This item is currently under review.

Item #23 – Compliance Items Update. This item is currently under review until the casinos reopen.

Item #24 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item is currently under review. Commissioner Zuniga asked for meeting with the Chair, Ms. Wells, and Ms. Driscoll to discuss next steps.

11:12 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Stebbins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion.*

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner Cameron: Aye.*

*Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.*

*Commissioner Stebbins: 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 22, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes
3. Meeting Minutes of the May 13, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins  
Secretary