



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 29, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 112 388 9906

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 #170 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”) at 10:01 AM.

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

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. May 15, 2024

Interim Chair Maynard moved that the Commission approve the meeting minutes from the May 15, 2024, agenda setting meeting, as included in the Commissioners Packet, subject to the necessary edits for typographical error and 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>

The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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 – June 6, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa confirmed that an administrative update would come forward on June 6, 2023.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed minutes would come forward for approval at the June 6, 2024, public meeting.

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

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck confirmed that 205 CMR 257.00 as well as 205 CMR 16.00 would be back before the Commission for a vote of finalization and adoption.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering Review of Waivers for 205 CMR 257, and Variance Requests for 205 CMR 257.03(4) – Director Band confirmed that the Sports Wagering Division would have two items for discussion on June 6, 2024, regarding 205 CMR 257.

Item #6 – Community Affairs Division – Quarterly Reports for Licensees and Community Mitigation Fund Applications – Chief Delaney confirmed an agenda item for the presentation of the three Gaming Licensee quarterly reports, and discussion of the five final Community Mitigation Fund applications. He estimated an hour for discussion of the applications.

Item #7 – Independent Monitor – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed this item and approximated that 90 minutes would be sufficient for discussion. She anticipated that the Commission would receive materials for this item shortly.

Item #8 – Fiscal 25 Budget Review – CFAO Lennon confirmed this item for discussion at the June 6th meeting and noted that 2x2s would be scheduled in advance of the meeting date.

Item #9 – Discussion of 3 Noncompliance Events – IEB – CEC Kathleen Kamer confirmed an agenda item for the Commission to review 3 Noncompliance events and to determine the action required.

Items For Public Meeting – June 20, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa confirmed that an administrative update would come forward on June 20th.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed minutes would come forward for approval.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill confirmed that this item should remain on the agenda, as an update would be likely.

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck noted that the Legal Division was not likely to present regulations at the June 20, 2024, meeting.

Item #5– Sports Wagering – Director Band confirmed a discussion regarding an update on Category 3 sports wagering applicant, Bally’s, request for approval of their house rules.

Item #6 – Fiscal 25 Budget Approval – CFAO Lennon confirmed this item for discussion at the June 20, 2024, meeting. CFAO Lennon noted that the proposed Budget will be circulated for two weeks prior to this meeting.

Item #7 – Review of Potential Partnership with Gam-Ban – Responsible Gaming – Program Manger Long Banh confirmed this item and noted that the Division would have materials for the Commissioners to review prior to the meeting.

Item #8– Community Mitigation Fund – Request for Amendment – Chief Delaney confirmed agenda item for discussion of the request from the City of Hampden to modify their CMF grant at the June 20, 2024, meeting.

Add-on Item – FY 2025 Research Agenda – Responsible Gaming – Dr. Andrews requested an agenda item to discuss the FY 2025 Research agenda after it received comment from GPAC.

Item #10 – MGC Seal of Approval – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck confirmed this item for presentation at the June 20 meeting.

Add-on Item – Tribal Litigation Update – Legal – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck confirmed that he would provide an update on the status of litigation to the Commissioners on June 20th.

Add-on Item – Sports Wagering Player Limitation– Commissioner O’Brien requested an agenda item to discuss the Sports Wagering Roundtable and the comments received. Commissioners reached consensus that this item should be added to a future meeting’s agenda.

Add-on Item – Recognition of the Jockey Guild – Racing – Director of Racing, Dr. Alexandra Lightbown requested an agenda item to discuss recognition of the Jockey Guild at the June 20th meeting.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #1 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O’Brien requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #2 – HCA Compliance Update (All Properties) – Commissioner Skinner requested that this item remain under review.

Item #3– EBH – East Broadway; Process & Ultimate Action – Chief Delaney requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #4 – Multi-Factorial Authentication Regulation (Ohio Example) – Commissioner O’Brien requested that this item remain under review.

Item #5 – Coordination with DPH – Chairman Maynard noted that representatives from DPH would come to the Commission for a meet and greet.

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

Item #7 – Responsible Gaming – Gambling Advertising Report – Dr. Andrews requested that this item remain under review.

Item #8 – Procurement Threshold Discussion Review – Commissioner Hill requested that this item remain under review.

Item #8 – Review of AI Working Group and Commissioner Participation– Chairman Maynard noted that this item would be marked up for discussion at a future public meeting, and the working group would be staffed shortly thereafter.

Item #9 – Licensee Diversity Audit – Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item should remain under review but anticipated that a presentation would occur at a public meeting sometime in in July.

Item #10 – Update on National Self Exclusion – Responsible Gaming – Program Manager Banh requested that this item remain under review and stated that he would follow up at the next agenda setting meeting.

Item #11 – Responsible Gaming Conference – Commissioner O’Brien and Chairman Maynard agreed that a debrief on the Responsible Gaming Conference be given sometime in June or July after the feedback had been analyzed.

4. Commissioner Updates

Chairman Maynard shared that the Commissioners, the Community Affairs Division, and Responsible Gaming Division had toured the Western Massachusetts Recovery and Wellness

Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, yesterday. He noted that the Hampden County Sheriff's Department was a long time Community Mitigation Fund grantee, and commended the Center for their tremendous work.

5. Other Business

Having no further business, Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn. 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>

The motion passed unanimously 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of Meeting & Agenda, dated May 24, 2024
2. Agenda Setting Minutes, dated May 15, 2024

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

June 3 (Public)
June 4 (Adjudicatory Hearing)
June 6 (Public)
June 12 (Agenda Setting)
June 20 (Public)
June 26 (Agenda Setting)
June 30 (Adjudicatory Hearing)
July 2 (Adjudicatory Hearing)
July 10 (Agenda Setting)
July 11 (Public)
July 18 (Public)
July 24 (Agenda Setting)
August 1 (Public)
August 29