



Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Agenda Setting
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: May 4, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 111 379 5096

Call to Order

Chair Judd-Stein called to order Agenda Setting Meeting #122 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”).

The Chair confirmed a quorum for the meeting by roll call. The following Commissioners were present for the meeting:

*Chair Cathy Judd-Stein
Commissioner Eileen O’Brien
Commissioner Bradford R. Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner*

Approval of Prior Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

- a. April 20, 2020

Commissioner O’Brien moved to approve the minutes from April 20, 2022, subject to necessary edits for typographical errors or non-material matters. 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>Chair Judd-Stein</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

Motion Passed Unanimously 4-0.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agendas for the upcoming meetings scheduled for May 12, 2022, and May 25, 2022 and subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notice, as follows:

Item # 1 – Administrative Update

Executive Director Wells confirmed the May 12 Administrative Update would include an update on gaming establishment operations from Assistant Director Band. Executive Director Wells inquired if the Commissioners wanted to review the Travel Policy under the Administrative Update, or if it should be its own separate agenda item. Commissioners agreed the discussion could occur during the Administrative Update portion of the May 12 meeting.

Item # 2 – Regulations – Associate Counsel Torrisi confirmed she would be bringing forward one rule change for the High Card Flush table game at the next meeting.

Item # 3 – Legislative Updates – Commissioner Hill confirmed that this matter will not go forward at the next public meeting, as they are waiting on a few more updates from the legislature after May 12. Commissioner Hill anticipates that an update will be ready to provide to the Commission on May 25th.

Item # 4 – Responsible Gaming – Research Agenda Update and Proposal – Director Vander Linden confirmed that the presentation of the fiscal year 2023 research agenda proposal is ready to present on May 12th.

Item # 5 – Racing– Review of New Racing License Applications – General Counsel Grossman confirmed that a draft application for a new racing license was ready for the Commission’s review at the May 12 public meeting. Counsel Grossman anticipates that this will be a multi-session discussion, as there are some complex issues Commissioners will likely want to discuss. After further discussion, Commissioners agreed that it may be the best process to find a stand alone meeting to discuss this matter later this month

Item # 6 – Public Records Requests- Policy and Technology– Associate Counsel Torrisi confirmed this matter is ready for presentation on May 12th. Updated documents will be placed into the Commissioner’s Packet later this week.

Item # 7 – Responsible Gaming – GameSense Quarterly Report – Director Vander Linden confirmed presentation of the quarterly update, provided by the GameSense agents for the May 12th meeting.

Item # 8 – Community Affairs Division – Licensee Quarterly Reports – Chief Delaney confirmed that division will present the quarterly report for licensee MGM Springfield on May 12th. Plainridge Park Casino and Encore Boston Harbor presentations will occur later in the month.

Item # 9 – Community Mitigation Fund – Transportation Construction Applications – Chief Delaney confirmed that the Community Affairs Division would bring approximately seven applications for review and approval by the Commission at the May 12th meeting.

Item # 10 – Regulation Review Process – Ms. Howard confirmed that a brief update on the regulation review process would be provided at the May 12 meeting.

Item # 11 – Commissioner Updates – Procedural Discussion Regarding Annual Election of Secretary and Treasurer – At the May 12 meeting, Commissioners will discuss the procedures surrounding the annual election of officers, as required by statute. Discussion will also include whether a standing election, or a rotational appointment system for officer positions should be utilized. From there, the Commissioners will have elections of the two officer roles.

Item # 12 – Commissioner Updates – Broadway Development Update – Counsel Grossman confirmed that a draft memo that commemorates the decision of the Commission regarding the development project east of Broadway was ready for finalization by the Commission at the May 12 public meeting.

Item # 13 – Commissioner Updates – Office Lease Expiry Update – Executive Director Wells confirmed that the discussion surrounding the lease will likely begin in a public setting on May 12th, but that she anticipates the potential for discussion of the matter in an executive session.

Add-on Item – Commissioner Updates – Chair Judd Stein requested an agenda item for the discussion and review of a draft letter from the Commission seeking extension of the law allowing for virtual public meetings.

Items For Public Meeting – May 25, 2022

Item # 14 – Community Affairs Division – Licensee Quarterly Reports – Chief Delaney confirmed that presentation of the quarterly reports from licensees Encore Boston Harbor and Plainridge Park Casino would go forward on May 25.

Item # 15 – Community Mitigation Fund – Community Planning Applications – Chief Delaney confirmed that the Division would likely have Community Planning applications, as well as a few specific impact grants for review and approval by the Commission on May 25.

Item # 16 – MGM Community Research Project – Director Vander Linden confirmed presentation of the report, authored by Dr. Vega, titled: “MGM Impact on Springfield: Community Based Participatory Research” will go forward at the May 25 meeting.

Item # 17 – Responsible Gaming – Gambling Advertising White Paper – Director Vander Linden confirmed that Gambling Advertising White Paper has been finalized, and ready for presentation on May 25th after receiving feedback from licensees and community members. He confirmed that the document also contains considerations the Commission may wish to adopt and implement in the form of regulations or measures in the future.

Item # 18 – Review of IEB Casino Non-Compliance Penalties – This item will be presented on May 25th, with a finalized memo and supplemental policy process being circulated to the Commissioners in advance of the meeting.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item # 19 – ILEV Review Process – Chief Delaney requested that this matter go forward in July but remain under review for the time being.

Item # 20 – Community Mitigation Fund – Standing Item – Chief Delaney anticipates that presentation of public safety grants and specific impact grants will go forward at the first meeting in June. Additionally, Chief Delaney also inquired if the Community Affairs Division could have a separate Commission meeting for review and discussion of the roughly 15 other grant applications received by the Division during the month of June. Commissioners agreed that it would likely be ideal. A future meeting date will be announced soon.

Add-on Item – Licensee Compliance – IEB Assistant Director Hall is seeking an agenda item for review of the Encore Boston Harbor beverage license renewal application in June.

Add-on Item – Responsible Gaming – Director Vander Linden is seeking an agenda item for discussion of the Commissioner’s Research Priorities. This will occur after the adoption of the fiscal year 2023 research agenda but will provide opportunity for discussion on how the agenda can serve the Commissioner’s needs forming gaming policy in the Commonwealth.

Add-On Item – Budget Discussion – Chief Financial Officer Lennon confirmed a Budget Discussion, but they are waiting on the first meeting until a treasurer is elected amongst the Commissioners. Chief Lennon anticipates the first meeting in June would be ideal for the initial presentation, and the second meeting in June being the meeting where a vote is taken after a public comment period of two weeks has occurred.

Add-on Item – Discussion of Employee Survey – Executive Director Wells requested an agenda item for discussion of the results of the employee survey surrounding the office lease and location preferences at a future public meeting.

Commissioner Updates:

Other Business:

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

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Commissioner Hill:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Skinner</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner O’Brien:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Chair Judd-Stein:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed unanimously, meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting & Agenda dated May 1, 2022
2. Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2022