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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** June 1, 2023, 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission

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The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. 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.

### **Commissioners Present:**

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein  
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien  
Commissioner Bradford Hill  
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner  
Commissioner Jordan Maynard

#### 1. [Call to Order](#) (00:00)

Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 457<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five commissioners were present for the meeting.

#### 2. [Meeting Minutes](#) (02:47)

a. December 15, 2022

Chair Judd-Stein asked if the Commissioners had time to review the minutes. Commissioner O'Brien stated that she had yet to receive the minutes and requested that the vote be held until the next meeting. Commissioners agreed that the minutes would be held over until the next meeting.

#### 3. [Administrative Update](#) (03:26)

Executive Director Karen Wells stated that Massasoit Greyhound Association D/B/A Raynham Park had applied for a category two sports wagering license. She stated that a site visit was planned for June 9 and June 10, and that the application review would begin on June 12. She noted that the Commission staff had reached out to RSM and Gaming Laboratories International about this application and stated that Raynham had submitted internal controls.

#### 4. [Legal](#) (05:17)

Deputy General Counsel Caitlin Monahan explained that 205 CMR 257 was a regulation related to data privacy that was appearing before the Commission for the first time. She noted that the legal team recommended that 205 CMR 257 go through the regular promulgation process, rather than by emergency so that comments could be received from the public and interested stakeholders before the regulation was finalized.

Deputy General Counsel Monahan noted that the other regulations being discussed today were voted on by emergency on April 24, 2023 but were not filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to allow additional changes to be made before its filing.

Commissioner O'Brien sought clarification as to why 205 CMR 257 was not being moved on as an emergency. Outside Counsel from the law firm Anderson and Krieger, Attorney Mina Makarious explained that some of the protections in 205 CMR 257 were previously included in 205 CMR 138 and 205 CMR 238. He stated that the legal team researched provisions from other jurisdictions and received input from the Attorney General's Office in order to implement best practices into the regulatory framework. He stated that the legal team wanted to give the Commission and operators sufficient opportunity to comment and noted that data privacy protections were in place in other regulations.

Jared Rinehimer, Chief of the Data Privacy and Security Division from the Attorney General's Office stated that strong privacy protections were needed. He noted that the Attorney General's Office was encouraged by the initial approach taken in the regulation and that he looked forward to continued collaboration with the Commission. Chair Judd-Stein stated that the Commission appreciated the input from the Attorney General's Office, members of the public, stakeholders, operators, and experts in the field.

- a. [205 CMR 257](#): Data Privacy and Usage – Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for possible emergency adoption, and authorization to begin the promulgation process (14:05)

Mr. Makarious presented the draft of 205 CMR 257. The *small business impact statement and draft 205 CMR 257* were included in the Commissioner's Packet on pages 16 through 25.

Chair Judd-Stein inquired whether the Commission would have the opportunity to revisit multi-factor authentication requirements in this regulation. Mr. Makarious stated that the current regulation mandated that patrons have the option of using multifactor authentication upon log-in, but that it was not required.

Commissioner Hill sought clarification regarding the five-day time frame in relation to data breaches. Mr. Makarios stated that the operator must notify the Commission immediately of any data breach, but that the investigations may require time to discern what happened.

Commissioner Hill asked if the Attorney General's Office had any initial comments on this regulation. Mr. Rinehimer stated that there were not initial comments as his office already had conversations on the development of the regulation. He stated that patrons should have the choice of how their data was used, and the understanding of how to opt out.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the small business impact statement and the draft of 205 CMR 257 as included in the Commissioner's Packet and discussed today; and further, that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process and further that staff be authorized to modify chapter or section number or titles and file additional regulation sections as reserved or to make any other administrative changes as necessary to execute the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Commissioner Maynard: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

b. [205 CMR 138](#): Uniform Standards of Accounting Procedures and Internal Controls - Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for possible emergency adoption, and authorization to begin the promulgation process (42:20)

Attorney Makarios presented the draft of 205 CMR 138. The *small business impact statement and draft of 205 CMR 138* were included in the Commissioner's Packet on pages 28 through 109.

Commissioner Skinner noted that there were red boxes indicating a change in 205 CMR 138.07 and asked what the change was. Mr. Makarios stated that there was a font issue that resulted in a change being flagged when the original file was converted to PDF format.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the small business impact statement and draft of 205 CMR 138 as included in the Commissioner's Packet and discussed today and that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by emergency and thereafter to begin the regulation promulgation process; and further, that staff be authorized to modify chapter or section number or titles and file additional regulation sections as reserved or to make any other administrative

changes as necessary to execute the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Commissioner Maynard: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

c. [205 CMR 238](#): Uniform Standards of Accounting Procedures and Internal Controls for Sports Wagering- Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for possible emergency adoption, and authorization to begin the promulgation process (51:27)

Attorney Makarios presented the draft of 205 CMR 238. The *small business impact statement and draft of 205 CMR 238* was included in the Commissioner's Packet on pages 110 through 152.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the small business impact statement and draft of 205 CMR 238 as included in the Commissioner's Packet and discussed today and that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by emergency and thereafter to begin the regulation promulgation process; and further, that staff be authorized to modify chapter or section number or titles and file additional regulation sections as reserved or to make any other administrative changes as necessary to execute the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Maynard seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Commissioner Maynard: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

d. [205 CMR 247](#): Uniform Standards of Sports Wagering - Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for possible emergency adoption, and authorization to begin the promulgation process (59:57)

Attorney Makarios presented the draft of 205 CMR 247. The *small business impact statement and draft of 205 CMR 247* were included in the Commissioner's Packet on pages 153 through 171.

Chair Judd-Stein asked whether an operator who can request sports, events, or wager types had to be a Massachusetts operator. Deputy General Counsel Monahan explained that 205 CMR 202 defined 'operator' as only operators who were licensed in Massachusetts.

Chair Judd-Stein asked if requesting sports, events, or wagers should be limited to operators or if stakeholders should also request events. Commissioner Hill stated that there should be an avenue for consumers to request events from operators. Mr. Makarious stated that regulatory language should not be needed for that as consumers can always write to an operator or the Commission to make that request through normal public submissions.

Commissioner Maynard expressed an interest in ensuring that patrons were heard in the process. He stated that the Commission should still be able to see whether operators received requests and if the operators chose to act on those requests. He stated that he would like there to be a nexus to the Commonwealth to make these requests.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that operators should be the petitioners as their event catalog was a business decision. She expressed concern about taking up staff and Commission time if the operators had no intention of implementing a consumer's request. She supported restricting petitions to operators.

Commissioner Skinner stated that she was aligned with Commissioner O'Brien. She explained that consumers already had a way to submit concerns about sporting events being offered to the Commission in the normal public comment process. Chair Judd-Stein agreed and stated that operators were likely to offer a rich array of events to be competitive.

Commissioner Maynard expressed an interest in the Commission having a way to address the offerings of operators, such as an operator who would offer men's polo but not women's polo. Chair Judd-Stein asked if the Commission could require offerings. Mr. Makarious stated that it was a business decision of what an operator wanted to offer wagers on, but noted that the Commission had authority to investigate and question why an operator refused to offer women's sports at the same rate as men's sports.

Commissioner Maynard stated that he wanted to ensure that all offerings were fair and that treatment was fair. Commissioner O'Brien noted that if women's sports do not have the same level of integrity as men's sports, it could be a valid business decision to not offer them. She stated that the Commission could use its voice to ensure that the amount of women's sports offered to wager on, was competitive with men's sports.

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the small business impact statement and draft 205 CMR 247 as included in the Commissioner's Packet and discussed today and that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by emergency and thereafter to begin the regulation promulgation process; and further, that staff be authorized to modify chapter or section number or titles and file additional regulation sections as reserved or to make any other administrative

changes as necessary to execute the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Commissioner Maynard: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

e. [205 CMR 248](#): Sports Wagering Account Management - Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for possible emergency adoption, and authorization to begin the promulgation process (1:21:33)

Mr. Makarios presented the draft of 205 CMR 248. The *small business impact statement and draft 205 CMR 248* were included in the Commissioner's Packet on pages 172 through 185.

Chair Judd-Stein questioned whether the Commission should require multi-factor authentication upon log-in to a sports wagering account. She stated that it could be an additional step for 'know your customer' purposes to ensure that underage or ineligible wagers did not access the platform. Commissioner O'Brien asked if the Attorney General's Office had weighed in on this issue. Mr. Makarios suggested having a formal discussion with responsible gaming advocates and other stakeholders so that the Commission could receive feedback. He noted that this requirement could be included in discussions regarding 205 CMR 257 then added to this regulation. Chair Judd-Stein suggested conducting research into how many other jurisdictions require multi-factor authentication upon log-in, prior to the future discussion taking place. The Commissioners reached a unanimous consensus for gathering additional information on this subject and revisiting this discussion in a future meeting.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the small business impact statement and draft 205 CMR 248 as included in the Commissioner's Packet and discussed today and that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by emergency and thereafter to begin the regulation promulgation process; and further, that staff be authorized to modify chapter or section number or titles and file additional regulation sections as reserved or to make any other administrative changes as necessary to execute the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Commissioner Maynard: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

5. [Sports Wagering](#) (1:46:34)

a. 205 CMR 247.03 Petition Form for Review

Sports Wagering Operations Manager Sterl Carpenter presented a form to request approval for new sporting events for wager. The *petition form* was included in the Commissioner's Packet on pages 186 through 194. Mr. Carpenter stated that any Massachusetts operator could apply for new wagers and new sporting events, and that they can add additional documents and information to the form. He stated that the petitions will be used to set up a memorandum style presentation to the Commission for approval. He noted that based on the Commission's prior discussion regarding the Boston Marathon that a section was included in the petition highlighting that the operator should reach out to the sport's governing body or entity that conducts the sporting event.

Commissioner O'Brien asked that the language on the petition be changed, so that the operators have to provide additional details if they did not contact the sport's governing association, so as to explain why they did not establish that line of communication. Mr. Carpenter stated that the final version asked for additional information if the operator did contact the governing association, but confirmed that language could be added to request information if contact had not been made as well. The Commission reached a unanimous consensus to add language requesting additional information if the operator failed to contact the sport's governing association.

Chair Judd-Stein recommended the sections of the petition also be labeled and numbered so that information could be more easily referenced. Mr. Carpenter stated that the form would be amended to reflect the changes discussed.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the petition for sports, sporting event, or wager category form as included in the Commissioner's Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Commissioner Maynard: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

b. [Update to House Rules re Credit Language](#) (1:55:52)

I. Crown MA Gaming (DraftKings)

Mr. Carpenter stated that DraftKings had submitted a change to the language in their house rules regarding the prohibition of patrons using credit to fund their accounts. He noted that *a*



*memorandum detailing the house rules language change* was included in the Commissioner’s Packet on pages 195 through 196. He stated that all requirements had been met and that the Sports Wagering Division had no reservations in moving forward with this change.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the amendment to the house rules submitted by the category three sports wagering operator Crown MA Gaming D/B/A DraftKings as included in the Commissioner’s Packet and discussed today. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Commissioner Maynard: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

## 6. [Research and Responsible Gaming](#) (1:59:15)

### a. Presentation of Report: Patron and License Plate Survey Report: Encore Boston Harbor 2022

Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming stated that the Encore Boston Harbor (“EBH”) patron and license plate survey was completed in 2022. He stated that this study provided insights on demographics of casino visitors, behaviors, and expenditures.

Principal Investigator with the Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts (“SEIGMA”) project Dr. Rachel Volberg, Senior Research Analyst with the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute, and Senior Lecturer from the Isenberg School of Management in the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management Dr. Laurie Salame presented the patron and license plate survey report for EBH with topics including: geographic origins, demographics, racial diversity, frequency of visitation, gambling activities, impact on lower income Massachusetts patrons, and findings. The *patron and license plate survey report and the presentation* were included in the Commissioner’s Packet pages 198 through 365.

Commissioner Hill noted that some patrons indicated they would have gone out-of-state for gambling if casinos were not available in Massachusetts, and asked if information was gathered regarding which state they would visit. Ms. Salame stated that the information requested should be in the report. Chair Judd-Stein requested that Director Vander Linden follow-up on this information request. Commissioner Hill noted that this information seemed to be page 230 of the packet in Figure 15.

Chair Judd-Stein noted that the percentages of the Asian population visiting the casino was much larger than the percentage as represented within the general population. She asked if the EBH funded shuttle buses had affected those numbers. Dr. Salame stated that of the 440 participants,



82.6% arrived at the casino via their own car, and that the shuttle bus only accounted for 1.8% of the survey participants. She added that EBH had indicated that they do not keep count of how many patrons take the shuttles.

Commissioner Hill stated that the data related to how patrons would spend money if not gambling in Massachusetts was interesting. Dr. Salame noted that this information required speculation on part of the patrons. Mr. Peake stated that individuals were not great at estimating their spending, and that the responses might not be necessarily accurate to what the individual would actually do.

Commissioner Hill noted that Figure 17 showed that a large number of guests were brought to the area of the casino due to events, shows and exhibits. Director Vander Linden stated that from a responsible gaming perspective it is important that forms of entertainment other than gambling were available, and that only twenty percent of respondents stated that they were only there solely to gamble. He stated that this information reflects that the resort piece of the casino is an important draw.

Commissioner O'Brien requested more information regarding the number of people the shuttles bring to the casino and requested that EBH track that information. Director Vander Linden stated that the Research Division would look into getting that information for the Commissioners. Dr. Volberg noted that the data was constrained by who was willing to participate in the interview process, and that those taking a shuttle that was only available every thirty minutes would be less likely to respond.

Chair Judd-Stein inquired about the impact of international tourists. Mr. Peake stated that in terms of spending, most could be attributed to patrons from eastern Massachusetts. Dr. Salame stated that less than one percent of spending was from patrons who reside outside of the United States. Dr. Volberg noted that the study was conducted in April 2022, during the Covid pandemic, and that those at the casino during that period were more likely to be enthusiastic gamblers anxious to get back to the casino, rather than those who would travel internationally.

Commissioner Maynard noted that almost 40% of the patrons interviewed had a household income of \$100,000 or more, and asked if that was standard across the industry. Dr. Salame stated that the median income in Massachusetts is higher than in other jurisdictions, and that 34.9% of patrons interviewed at MGM Springfield had a household income of \$100,000 or higher. Dr. Volberg stated that it would be difficult to compare this information with any other jurisdictions as most other states had not done a patron survey in the past ten years.

## 7. Racing (3:08:58)

### a. Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Additional Racing Official

Director of Racing and Chief Veterinarian Alex Lightbown informed the Commission that she had used the Commission's delegation of authority regarding approval of certain track matters to approve Dr. Zach Matzkin as a racing official. She stated that he would be in the role of

Plainridge Park Association Veterinarian. She stated that he was approved so that Plainridge racing officials could have more coverage and receive occasional time off. She stated that since the approval, Dr. Matzkin had received his Massachusetts registration, and worked on May 23 at Plainridge.

8. [Finance](#) (3:11:48)

a. FY24 Budget Review

Chief Financial and Accounting Officer (“CFAO”) Derek Lennon presented the proposed FY24 Budget for review. The *proposed FY24 Budget* was included in the Commissioner’s Packet on pages 368 through 438. He stated that the Finance Division recommended an operation budget of \$54.9 million to fund 134 FTEs and 6 contract employees. He noted that there was a significant growth in FTEs due to the implementation and regulation of sports wagering.

CFAO Lennon stated that 28.5% of the lease and IT costs were shifted from the Gaming Control Fund to the Sports Wagering Control Fund. He stated that this was a \$790,000 cost shift. He stated that the Financial Division recommended \$37.39 million for the Gaming Control Fund, \$2.92 million for the Racing Development and Oversight Trust Fund, \$385,400 for the Community Mitigation Fund, \$8.33 million for the Sports Wagering Control Fund, and \$5.9 million for the Research and Responsible Gaming budget.

CFAO Lennon stated that the budget required the assessment of gaming licensees for the Gaming Control Fund, as well as \$5 million for the Public Health Trust Fund. He stated that the Commission could not determine the assessment without gaming positions for each licensee and the revenue for the \$600 slot machine fee. He stated that once accounted for, these numbers would be presented in the public meeting on June 29.

CFAO Lennon stated that the budget required two assessments on sports wagering licensees, one for the Sports Wagering Control Fund and an additional \$1 million assessment for the Public Health Trust Fund. He stated that the Finance Division recommended using adjusted gross sports wagering receipts from the implementation of sports wagering until the end of May for this assessment. He stated that the Commission would then revise these numbers for actual performance when the staff presents the first FY24 quarterly budget to the Commission. CFAO Lennon noted that two operators were not expected to begin operations in FY23 and suggested that they pay the same percentage of assessments as the operator who generated the lowest adjusted gross sports wagering receipts in FY23.

Chair Judd-Stein sought clarification regarding which operators would not be operating in FY23. Revenue Manager Doug O’Donnell stated that Bally’s and Betway would not be operating in FY23 and noted that Fanatics was set to begin operating prior to June 30. Commissioner Skinner stated that she was heavily involved in the process of developing the budget, and that she believed it to be fiscally responsible.

Commissioner Hill expressed concern regarding putting money aside for sports wagering employees without having a clear concept of what positions and functions were required to fill. He suggested looking at other jurisdictions to gather information as to what positions should be added.

Commissioner Maynard stated that he wanted to ensure the Commission was fiscally responsible while also ensuring that the resources needed were available to staff. He noted that in FY23, the Commission had difficulty filling some positions and expressed an interest in getting individuals involved who were early on in their careers.

Chair Judd-Stein stated that she shared Commissioner Hill's concerns and posed whether some of the functions related to sports wagering might be able to be handled internally through the other divisions. Commissioner O'Brien stated that the staff had done a tremendous amount with limited resources in implementing sports wagering and suggested that the Sports Wagering Division needed to be further expanded to fulfill its regulatory function.

Chair Judd-Stein suggested setting funds aside for the Sports Wagering Division. Executive Director Wells stated that the next step for the Sports Wagering Division would be building out audit functions. She stated that there would be additional hires as needs were identified. Chair Judd-Stein asked how much funding was set aside for (full-time employees) FTEs already identified. CFAO Lennon stated that three FTEs for sports wagering were built into the budget for FY24. He stated that funds can be set aside for the Executive Director so that positions could be filled for identified functions, or a list of different functions to address could be presented at the June 29 meeting. He suggested that if the Commission implemented the first option, \$750,000 in funding be put aside for the Sports Wagering Division accounting for six to ten FTEs. Commissioner Skinner voiced support for having the funding set aside in the budget so that the Commission does not need to meet to increase the budget whenever a function is identified.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that structurally, the Commission should consider hiring some form of a Deputy Executive Director to be second-in-command for the Executive Director. She noted that the Commission would be expanding the Sports Wagering Division and suggested adding an FTE to assist the Executive Director. The Commission reached unanimous consensus for hiring a Deputy Executive Director.

Commissioner Hill stated that he supported the Deputy Executive Director position being added but suggested that funding for this position did not need to be put aside and could be revisited during the year. CFAO Lennon stated that the implications of whether to set aside money in the budget, or increasing the budget later, was regarding the timing of when licensees were assessed. He explained that the budget for this position would only have to be seven or eight months as it would take time to generate a job description, interview applicants, perform the background check, and onboard for the position. He noted that any amount of the budget that was unspent from the assessment was returned to the licensees at the end of the year.

Commissioner O'Brien expressed her preference to mark the position in the FY24 budget. Commissioner Maynard agreed. Commissioner O'Brien asked when the Commission was required for the organization chart submitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Executive Director Wells stated that it was an annual submission and historically submitted at the beginning of the year.

Commissioner O'Brien suggested the funding for contracting be increased for assistance in regulation compliance for advertising. She asked if the funding in the budget would need to be increased if used for compliance and auditing. CFAO Lennon suggested that some of the proposed \$750,000 sports wagering funds could be used on a contractor, and that requiring a further increase to the budget would require Commission approval in a public meeting. Commissioner O'Brien stated that she wanted staff to be able to move as quickly as they can.

Commissioner O'Brien noted that one of the proposed FTEs was a legal assistant, and questioned whether that position should be an attorney given the volume of work the Legal Division had coming in. CFAO Lennon stated that the budget accounted for two new attorneys and one legal assistant. Commissioner O'Brien expressed that she would prefer to have an attorney involved in drafting the minutes due to the Commission's expectations regarding minutes. Chair Judd-Stein agreed. CFAO Lennon stated that he would discuss the options with General Counsel Todd Grossman and HR to ensure the recommendation from the Finance Division reflected what the legal department felt was necessary.

## 9. [Legal](#) (3:55:45)

### a. 205 CMR 243.01(1)(x): Consideration of Waiver of Regulatory Timeframe

General Counsel Grossman stated that sports wagering operators were required to have a technical security control audit performed within ninety days after commencing operations pursuant to 205 CMR 243.01(1)(x). He stated that audits have to be performed by a qualified independent technical expert as defined in 205 CMR 243.01(1)(x)(2). He stated that an application form was available, but that the application process was still ongoing. He stated that the Legal Division requested a ninety-day extension to this requirement. Gaming Technical Compliance Manager Christian Taveras stated that one application had been received and that Commission staff was still awaiting the other two applications.

Commissioner Skinner asked how long the initial waiver was for. Mr. Taveras stated that the initial waiver was for thirty days. Chair Judd-Stein requested that if further additional time was needed on this matter, that an interim report be made to the Commission. Commissioner Skinner moved that in accordance with 205 CMR 202.023 the Commission issue a temporary waiver for an additional ninety days to all sports wagering operators from the requirements set out in 205 CMR 243.01(1)(x) that requires operators within ninety days of commencing operations in the Commonwealth to have a technical security control audit conducted by a qualified technical expert as granting the waiver meets the requirements specified in 205 CMR 102.034 and is consistent with the purposes of General Law Chapter 23N. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Commissioner Maynard: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

#### 10. [Other Business](#) (4:04:23)

Commissioner O'Brien stated that the Public Safety Subcommittee received a presentation of the Justice Research Associates 2022 Covid impact study. She stated that the subcommittee had pulled a list of the Commission's regulations so that the Committee could give feedback to the Legal Division.

Chair Judd-Stein stated that she was putting together a working group to update the Commission's mission statement and she asked Commissioner Maynard to assist.

Chair Judd-Stein stated that she agreed with Commissioner Maynard's earlier point about finding staff who were early-on in their careers. She stated that there was a need for an internship program and suggested that Commissioner Maynard work in collaboration with Commissioner O'Brien regarding that topic in a two-by-two. Executive Director Wells stated that HR Manager Trupti Banda had developed a proposal for an internship program. Commissioner O'Brien agreed that an internship program would be beneficial.

Commissioner Maynard noted that an internship program could provide a competitive advantage if done properly. Commissioner Skinner stated that when she worked at the Boston Public Health Commission, internship programs were utilized to find extraordinary talent.

Hearing no other business, Chair Judd-Stein requested a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Commissioner Maynard: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

#### **List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. [Revised Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#) dated May 30, 2023
2. [Commissioner's Packet](#) from the June 1, 2023, meeting (posted on massgaming.com)

