



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 10, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 175 9188

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 78th 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:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.
Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

Approval of Minutes

10:01 a.m. *Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of May 27, 2020, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. 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.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on June 11th)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. There will be no general update at this meeting, as it will be limited to discussion of the reopening protocols for gaming floors.

There will be a special Commission meeting on Tuesday, June 16th that will be a roundtable discussion with the stakeholders for racing, concerning plans for reopening. The Commission will also vote on two items:

Item # 17 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel; and

Item #18 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Waiver of Qualifying Race Requirement.

In addition, issues raised in a letter that was submitted by HHANE to the Commission will also be addressed at the June 16th meeting.

There will be a general update at the June 18th Commission meeting to keep Commission abreast of staff activities and office preparations.

Item #2 – Regulations. There are no regulations up for approval currently.

Item #3 – Licensee – Opening Protocol. This item will be ready for discussion.

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on June 18th)

Item #4 – Budget Discussion – Year 2021. Materials will be provided to the Commissioners by the end of the week, and this item will be ready to present. This is discussion 1 of 2.

Item #5 – PPC License Renewal. All materials have been submitted in the suitability piece to the IEB, and that portion of this application will be ready to present to the Commission in early July. Documents are still being submitted to the Ombudsman division.

Item #6 – Community Mitigation Fund Presentations (Part 1 of 3). This presentation will cover workforce grants, non-transportation grants, and potentially transportation planning grants if time permits. Mr. Delaney will brief the Commissioners on these three categories prior to the Commission meeting.

Item #7 – Gambling Formats, Involvement and Problem Gambling. This item will be ready to present. Dr. Rachel Volberg will be presenting.

Item #8 – GameSense Impact Report. This item will be moved to June 25th Commission meeting.

Item #9 – Data Storage & Access Report – Demo – Research Page on Website. This item will be moved to June 25th Commission meeting.

Added item: The IEB will have 2 Qualifier suitability reports (1 MGM, 1 Encore) for votes.

Added Item: Suffolk and Raynham Reopening Plans for Simulcasting Facilities

Added Item: Dr. Lightbown will provide the Commission with a Racing Legislative Update

(Potential Commission Meeting on June 25th)

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

(Potential Commission Meeting on July 2nd)

Item # 11 – Community Mitigation Fund Final Review (Part 3 of 3). This item will be ready to present for votes.

Item # 12 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics Update. This item is expected to be ready to present. Internal meetings will be scheduled for next week.

Item # 13 – Budget Year 2021. This item will be ready to present and discuss.

Added Item: Simulcast / ADW Report. This item will be ready to present. Mr. Bourque will describe the status of this year's revenue.

(Potential Commission Meeting on July 30th)

Item # 14 – MAGIC Waves 1 – 4. This item will be ready to present.

(Under Review)

Item #15 – Use of Delinquency Info for Suitability (c.119, s.60). This item is currently under review, as a placeholder for a potential policy discussion at the July 2nd Commission meeting.

Item #16 – Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (MTBA) Request to Race at Finger Lakes. This item is currently under review.

Item #17 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel. This item will be presented on June 16th.

Item #18 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Waiver of Qualifying Race Requirement. This item will be presented on June 16th.

Item #19 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Promotional Fund Consideration. This item will remain under review.

Item #20 – Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts (SOM) Recognition Request as Breeder’s Representative Group. This item will be presented at the June 16th Commission meeting.

Item #21 – MAGIC Waves 1 – 4. This is a duplicate item to be deleted.

Item #22 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. This item is currently under review.

Item #23 – Workforce & Vendor Reporting Template. This item is currently under review.

Item #24 – Compliance Items Update. This item is currently under review until the casinos reopen.

Item #25 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item is currently under review. Commissioner Zuniga will meet with the Chair, Ms. Wells, and Ms. Driscoll to discuss next steps.

Added Item: Ms. Lillios will add a status update regarding independent directors on Gaming Vendor Primaries, to present with Mr. Curtis and Senior Enforcement Counsel Kate Hartigan. Ms. Lillios will provide a potential July date for this item to be discussed.

11:11 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stebbins 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 June 10, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes
3. Meeting Minutes of the May 27, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins

Secretary