



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 12, 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 #171 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. April 3, 2024
- b. April 17, 2024
- c. May 29, 2024

Interim Chair Maynard moved that the Commission approve the meeting minutes from the April 3, 2024, April 17, 2024, and May 29, 2024, Agenda Setting meeting, as included in the Commissioners Packet, subject to the necessary edits for typographical error and non-material matters. Commissioner O'Brien 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 20, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

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

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Chair Maynard confirmed that 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 Torrisi noted that the Legal Division would not 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, and a TGL Discussion would also occur on June 20th.

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 had been circulated for two weeks prior to this meeting, and that the packet for commissioners would include the proposed budget, public comments regarding the budget, and an additional budget table.

Item #7 – Review of Potential Partnership with Gam-Ban – Responsible Gaming – Director Vander Linden requested that this item be moved to the next public meeting.

Item #8– Community Mitigation Fund – Request for Amendment – Chief Delaney requested that this item be removed from the agenda, as the request for amendment from the City of Hampden had been withdrawn.

Item #9 – MGC Seal of Approval – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck confirmed this item for presentation at the June 20 meeting.

Item #10 – 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.

Item #11 – 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 #12 – 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.

Item #13 – Recognition of the Jockey Guild – Racing – Director of Racing, Dr. Alexandra Lightbown confirmed an agenda item to discuss recognition of the Jockey Guild at the June 20th meeting.

Add-on Item – Non-Compliance Matter – IEB – Commissioner O’Brien requested an agenda item to bring back a non-compliance event for vote and reconsideration after its initial discussion at a previous public meeting.

Add-on Item – discussion on Illegal Gaming Markets – Commissioner Skinner requested an agenda item for Commissioners to discuss the Illegal Gaming Market and whether a cease-and-desist letter would be a viable initiative for the Commission. Commissioners reached consensus on this issue.

Add-on Item – Gambling Advertising Report – Dr. Andrews requested an agenda item for discussion and presentation of the Gambling Advertising Report at the June 20th meeting.

Add-on Item – IEB – EBH Beverage Amendment – IEB Director Monahan requested an agenda item for the presentation of a Beverage amendment request from Giardinios at the Encore Boston Harbor.

Items For Public Meeting – July 11, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa confirmed that an administrative update would likely come forward on July 11th.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Chair Maynard confirmed that minutes would come forward for approval.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill confirmed that this item should remain on the agenda, as the end of the session was approaching.

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Torrisi noted that the Legal Division was not likely to present regulations at the June 20, 2024, meeting, but noted that likely bring forward the Ohio regulations for discussion.

Item #5– Sports Wagering – Director Band confirmed that this item should remain on the agenda for July 11th.

Add-on Item – Review of Potential Partnership with Gam-Ban – Responsible Gaming – Director Vander Linden requested that this item be moved to this meeting.

Add-on Item – Update on National Self Exclusion – Responsible Gaming – Director Vander Linden requested that this item go forward for discussion on July 11th.

Add-on Item – IEB Civil Administrative Penalty – IEB Director Monahan requested an agenda item for discussion of a Civil Administrative Penalty.

Add-on Item – Executive Session – Public Safety at Casinos – IEB Director Monahan requested an executive session at the July 11th meeting for discussion of public safety initiatives at the casinos.

Items For Public Meeting – July 18, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST (*Date subject to change*)

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

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Chair Maynard confirmed that 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 as the legislative session would be concluding on July 31, 2024.

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Torrisi noted that the Legal Division was not anticipating regulations at the July 11, meeting, but would confirm as the date drew nearer.

Item #5– Sports Wagering – Director Band confirmed that this item should remain on the agenda for July 11th.

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

Item #6 – Responsible Gaming – Gambling Advertising Report – *This item was scheduled for June 20th.*

Item #7 – Procurement Threshold Discussion Review – Commissioner Hill requested that this item remain under review.

Item #8 – Review of AI Working Group and Commissioner Participation– Director Vander Linden confirmed that this item would remain under review but would likely come forward later in July.

Item #9 – Update on National Self Exclusion – Responsible Gaming – *This item was scheduled for July 11th.*

Item #10 – Responsible Gaming Conference – Director Vander Linden agreed that a debrief on the Responsible Gaming Conference be given sometime in July after the feedback had been analyzed.

Item #11– 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 August.

Add-on Item – Sports Wagering Waivers – 205 CMR 257.03 – Director Band requested an agenda item for further discussion on the regulation, and the waivers issued to Operators. Compliance Manager Steffen offered clarification that the waivers would expire on June 30, 2024, and noted that it would be beneficial to have those discussions occur close to the expiration date.

4. Commissioner Updates

Chair Maynard noted that it would be beneficial for the Commissioners to have a discussion on the conferences they were attending as participants and as featured presenters at a future public meeting.

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 June 10, 2024
2. Agenda Setting Minutes, dated April 3, 2024, April 17, 2024, and May 29, 2024

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

June 17 (Public)
June 20 (Public)
June 26 (Agenda Setting)
July 2 (Adjudicatory Hearing)
July 10 (Agenda Setting)
July 11 (Public)
July 18 (Public)
July 24 (Agenda Setting)
August 1 (Public)
August 7 (Agenda Setting)
August 15 (Public)
August 21 (Agenda Setting)
August 29 (Public)