# Massachusetts Gaming Commission
# Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** **June 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**
**Place:** **Massachusetts Gaming Commission**
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**Commissioners Present:**

Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Paul Brodeur

1. Call to Order (00:00)

Chair Maynard called to order the 590th 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 (01:13)

*The May 7, 2026 and May 21, 2026 public meeting minutes were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 6 through 26.*

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the meeting minutes from the May 7, 2026 and May 21, 2026 public meeting as included in the Commissioners' Packet and subject to discussion today, subject to necessary edits for typographical errors or any other non-material matters. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

3. Administrative Update

a. Announcement of PlayBreak, voluntary self-exclusion program

Executive Director Dean Serpa introduced Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden. Director Vander Linden explained that the Commission was shifting branding of the voluntary self-exclusion program to PlayBreak to create a recognizable logo and a non-stigmatizing brand.

4. Community Affairs Division (05:26)

a. Plainridge Park Casino Quarterly Report

Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC d/b/a Plainridge Park Casino's ("PPC") General Manager Marc Guastella, VP of Human Resources Kathy Lucas, VP of Finance Thomas Alger, and Director of Security Bob Charette presented PPC's quarterly report with topics including the following: revenue and taxes, employee and supplier diversity, compliance, and community engagement. *PPC's quarterly report presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on page 27 through 41.*

b. MGM Springfield Quarterly Report (18:12)

Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC d/b/a MGM Springfield's ("MGM") VP and Legal Counsel Gus Kim, Executive Director of Finance Wynter Hawkins, Director of Public Relations Beth Ward, and Director of Compliance Daniel Miller presented MGM's quarterly report with topics including the following: revenue and taxes, employee and supplier diversity, compliance, and community engagement. *MGM's quarterly report presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on page 42 through 67.*

Commissioner Skinner noted that the Commonwealth held a supplier diversity fair in 2025 and asked if MGM would be participating in the 2026 fair. Ms. Hawkins stated that MGM participated in the fair in 2025 but that she was not sure if the event was being held again in 2026. Commissioner Skinner asked what efforts had been made to seek out diverse suppliers. Ms. Hawkins replied that MGM had hosted events and collaborated with organizations to seek out suppliers.

Ms. Ward noted that the City of Springfield was now a certification source and that MGM was working with the city to certify diverse businesses. She stated that MGM was also working with the Latino Development Council in Springfield. Commissioner Skinner said that she looked forward to hearing more about what steps were being taken to increase diversity spending.

Commissioner Brodeur asked if the spa mentioned in the presentation was owned by MGM or if it was independent. Ms. Ward stated that a vendor operated in the space in conjunction with MGM. Commissioner Brodeur asked if the individuals who worked there counted towards the total number of MGM employees as reflected in their powerpoint materials. Ms. Hawkins stated that they were not MGM employees.

Commissioner Hill stated that entertainment and gaming go hand-in-hand and expressed he was glad to see a focus on the big acts being brought to Springfield.

5. Racing (41:46)

a. Jockeys' Guild Recognition

Director of Racing and Chief Veterinarian Dr. Alexandra Lightbown explained that G.L. c. 128A, § 5(h) outlines how parimutuel taxes are distributed, including that $65,000 must be distributed annually to the organization that represents the majority of jockeys in the Commonwealth. She noted that though there was no live thoroughbred racing in Massachusetts, the funds can be distributed to disabled and retired jockeys. She stated that there were approximately 17 jockeys in these two categories and that a payment of about $3,800 will be made to each of those jockeys. She noted that the Jockeys' Guild has long been the representative group for jockeys and that there was no other group in Massachusetts that represents jockeys. *A memo regarding the recognition of the Jockeys' Guild and the request from the Jockeys' Guild was included in the Commissioners' packet on pages 68 through 71.*

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the Jockeys' Guild as the organization that represents the majority of jockeys for the purposes of G.L. chapter 128A, section 5(h)(4). Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

b. Plainridge Park Casino Request for Promotional Fund Consideration (handicapping contests) (45:02)

Financial Analyst Chad Bourque presented PPC's request for promotional fund consideration for its summer handicapping contest. PPC's Director of Racing Steve O'Toole noted that PPC had done this handicapping contest for the past several years and that it was a popular event. *A memorandum was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 72 through 73.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the request for an expenditure of $50,000 from the Harness Horse Promotional Trust Fund in accordance with G.L. c. 128A, § 5(g) for the purpose described in the materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission would take Agenda Item 11(a) next due to the availability of Crown MA Gaming, LLC d/b/a DraftKings ("DraftKings") staff.

6. Research and Responsible Gaming (1:29:22)

a. Proposed FY27 Research Agenda

Director Vander Linden presented the proposed FY27 Research Agenda. He explained three amendments were made to the proposed agenda presented to the Commission on April 9, 2026, resulting in a $30,000 budget increase. *The FY27 Research Agenda was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 74 through 83.*

Commissioner O'Brien stated that she was troubled by the reduction in the cohort study regarding younger population even if it was done to balance funding. Commissioner Brodeur stated that he understood Commissioner O'Brien's concern but that there was a challenge in balancing the research budget and that he would defer to the Research and Responsible Gaming Division.

Commissioner Skinner stated that she understood her fellow Commissioners' concerns. She stated that the study on the biology of gambling was important but that she was not sure if it should be put above the cohort study. Commissioner Hill agreed.

Chair Maynard noted that he was okay with moving forward. He stated that he wanted to do more research with the resources available and that the items the Commission was discussing could be added to the research agenda in the near future.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the proposed FY27 Research Agenda, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, subject to incorporation of the three additions referenced by Director Vander Linden in discussion of the topic. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

7. Finance (1:44:24)

a. FY27 Budget Presentation

Executive Director Serpa and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer ("CFAO") Derek Lennon presented the FY27 Budget. *A memorandum and the budget were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 84 through 170.*

CFAO Lennon explained that the next step would be to put the budget out for public comment. He stated that the budget would return to the Commission in two weeks at which time the Commission would address any public comments and take a vote.

Chair Maynard noted that gaming related revenue had increased 159% during the past five years while the Commission's operations budget only increased 66%. Commissioner Skinner thanked the Finance Division as she concluded her term as Treasurer.

8. Sports Wagering Division (2:33:53)

a. Updates to Caesars House Rules

Compliance Officer Griffin Miniutti presented proposed House Rules updates for American Wagering Inc. d/b/a Caesars Sportsbook ("Caesars"). *Caesars' proposed House Rules were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 171 through 180.*

Commissioner Brodeur sought clarification regarding the changes to the rules of Australian football. Caesars' Vice President of Trading Craig Mucklow stated that scoring patterns are different in Australian football. Commissioner Brodeur asked if Caesars thought that Australian football would be a big market. Mr. Mucklow stated that Australian football was exceptionally popular.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the updates to Caesars' House Rules as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

b. Request to Use an Alternate Method of KYC Identity Authentication at the Time of Sports Wagering Account Establishment pursuant to 205 CMR 248.04(4) (2:39:59)

Compliance and Operations Manager Tom Lam presented requests to use an alternate method of know-your-customer ("KYC") identity authentication from Bally's Interactive d/b/a Bally Bet ("Bally's"), BetMGM, LLC d/b/a BetMGM ("BetMGM"), Caesars, FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC d/b/a Fanatics Betting and Gaming ("Fanatics"), and Penn Sports Interactive d/b/a theScore Bet ("PSI"). He explained that each operator had a manual review process, but that there had not been a detailed discussion of what the manual review process entailed. He noted that the Commission reviewed and approved DraftKings' manual KYC process during the May 21, 2026 public meeting. *A memorandum regarding the operators' request to use alternate KYC methods was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 181 through 182.*

c. Executive Session (2:41:31)

Chair Maynard noted that the representatives of the operators would be moved in and out of the executive session and that the Commission would remain in executive session.

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission anticipated that it would convene in an Executive Session in conjunction with its review of Bally's Interactive, BetMGM, Caesars, Fanatics, and Penn Sports Interactive's methods of KYC in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7), G. L. c. 4, § 7(26)(n), and G.L. c. 23N, § 6(i) to review certain materials in connection with the sports wagering operator's processes and parameters during account creation related to customer verification and authentication, as these matters relate to cyber security within the Commonwealth, the public discussion or disclosure of which is likely to jeopardize public safety or cyber security, and further, which constitute trade secrets, competitively-sensitive information or proprietary information, the disclosure of which would be detrimental to the operator.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission enter into executive session on the matter and for the reasons just stated by the Chair. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*

*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

*Transcriber's Note: The Commission entered into executive session at 12:48 P.M. and returned to the public meeting session at 3:48:54 in the recording.*

Commissioner Brodeur moved that, pursuant to 205 CMR 248.04(4), the Commission approve the alternate manual review method of KYC identity authentication at the time of account creation for each of the following sports wagering operators, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today: Bally's Interactive d/b/a Bally Bet, BetMGM, LLC, Caesars, Fanatics, and Penn Sports Interactive d/b/a theScore Bet. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

9. Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (3:57:35)

a. Review of the IEB's Recommendation of Assessment of a Civil Administrative Penalty pursuant to 205 CMR 232.02(2), regarding noncompliance with permissible sports wagering offerings by MGM Springfield

Enforcement Counsel Diandra Franks presented the IEB's recommendation that MGM receive a civil administrative penalty in the amount of $25,000 for a noncompliance event that occurred on April 5, 2025. She explained that the noncompliance event involved wagering on a Northeastern Men's NCAA Baseball game and that the matter was first presented to the Commission on June 17, 2025.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission adopt the IEB's recommendation on the issuance of a civil administrative penalty to MGM Springfield in the amount of $25,000, as discussed here today. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

b. Review of the IEB's Recommendation of Assessment of a Civil Administrative Penalty pursuant to 205 CMR 232.02(2), regarding noncompliance by BetMGM, LLC d/b/a BetMGM, related to wagers on boxing matches not sanctioned by an approved governing body, in violation of 205 CMR 247.01(1), 205 CMR 247.01(2)(i), and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog (4:01:15)

Enforcement Counsel Nathaniel Kennedy presented the IEB's recommendation that BetMGM receive a civil administrative penalty in the amount of $7,500 for a noncompliance event that occurred between June 22, 2025 and August 15, 2025. He explained that the noncompliance event involved wagering on certain unapproved boxing matches which occurred on August 15, 2025 and that the matter was first presented to the Commission on October 9, 2025.

Commissioner O'Brien, noting that the Commission generally gave credit to an operator when mistakes were self-identified, questioned the rationale for proposing the same penalty to BetMGM and DraftKings in the next matter where BetMGM was proactive in notifying the Commission of the noncompliance and DraftKings was not. Counsel Kennedy explained that one mitigating factor considered was the difficulty the Sports Wagering Division had in determining who the governing body of this event was, which was not determined until March 2026. He stated that the IEB also considered the historical perspective of violations of each operator, including the number and nature of previous violations. Regarding BetMGM, those factors were offset by the fact that they self-identified the issue.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission adopt the IEB's recommendation on the issuance of a civil administrative penalty to BetMGM, LLC d/b/a BetMGM in the amount of $7,500, as discussed here today. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

c. Review of the IEB's Recommendation of Assessment of a Civil Administrative Penalty pursuant to 205 CMR 232.02(2), regarding noncompliance by Crown MA Gaming, LLC, d/b/a DraftKings related to wagers on boxing matches not sanctioned by an approved governing body, in violation of 205 CMR 247.01(1), 205 CMR 247.01(2)(i), and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog (4:07:44)

Enforcement Counsel Nathaniel Kennedy presented the IEB's recommendation that DraftKings receive a civil administrative penalty in the amount of $7,500 for a noncompliance event that occurred between August 8, 2025 and August 15, 2025. He explained that the noncompliance event involved wagering on certain unapproved boxing matches which occurred on August 16, 2025 and that the matter was first presented to the Commission on October 9, 2025.

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission adopt the IEB's recommendation on the issuance of a civil administrative penalty to Crown MA Gaming, LLC d/b/a DraftKings in the amount of $7,500, as discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

d. MGM Springfield's Request for Variance from Certain Provisions of the Gaming Beverage License (4:11:48)

Licensing Division Chief Kara O'Brien presented MGM's request for a variance from certain provisions of its gaming beverage license to allow for a viewing party on the eighth floor of the MGM garage on July 4, 2026.

Commissioner Hill asked if the IEB was comfortable with security arrangements for the event. First Lieutenant of the Gaming Enforcement Unit ("GEU") David Collett stated that he was comfortable with the proposed security measures. Commissioner Hill expressed support for approving the request. Commissioner Brodeur stated that this was akin to a one-day license that municipalities issue for special events.

Commissioner Hill moved that, pursuant to 205 CMR 102.03(4), the Commission grant to MGM Springfield a one-day variance from the prohibition on the sale or consumption of alcohol in the parking garage as is indicated in its Gaming Beverage License to permit the sale of alcohol during its July 4, 2026 event, as discussed here today, as granting the variance meets the regulatory requirements and is consistent with the purposes of G.L. c. 23K. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

e. Discussion regarding RSM waiver request in connection with Statement of Work (4:22:50)

*Transcriber's Note: Based on IEB Director's request, this agenda item was discussed after agenda item 9(f).*

RSM US LLP's ("RSM") Director Chris Fitzgerald presented RSM's request for a waiver from the provisions of its Statement of Work to allow RSM to implement accounting software for an operator. He noted that the team working on this project would be separate from the team working on projects for the Commission and that the proposed project was not related to gaming operations.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve RSM's request for a waiver of the conflict of interest provisions, as outlined within the terms of the existing Statement of Work between RSM and the Commission, as the work for which the waiver is requested will not create an actual or appearance of a conflict and will not call into question the integrity of services provided by RSM to the Commission as detailed in the Request included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today; and further, that staff be authorized to issue a written determination memorializing this approval, including any conditions as required by the Statement of Work or as discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

f. Encore Boston Harbor's Request for Variance from Certain Provisions of the Gaming Beverage License (4:17:04)

Chief O'Brien presented Wynn MA, LLC d/b/a Encore Boston Harbor's ("EBH") request for a variance from certain provisions of its gaming beverage license to extend the hours of alcohol service to 3 A.M. She noted that this stemmed from the passage of H.5478 which allowed municipalities to opt into a temporary pilot program where licensed establishments may request to extend service by one hour but not beyond 3 A.M. Chair Maynard noted that this item was added to the agenda as an item that was not anticipated when originally posted.

Commissioner Brodeur noted that EBH had controls and procedures in place and that he was mindful of cities wanting additional revenue. Commissioner Skinner asked if any action was needed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission ("ABCC") given its concurrent jurisdiction in this area. Chief O'Brien stated that the Commission retained jurisdiction over eligible hours of service but would ensure the ABCC was aware of this temporary change.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that pursuant to 205 CMR 102.03(4), the Commission grant to Encore Boston Harbor a variance through July 31, 2026 from the prohibition on the sale or service of alcohol for non-gaming patrons after 2 A.M. as is indicated in its Gaming Beverage License to permit the sale and service of alcohol between the hours of 2 A.M. and 3 A.M. to non-gaming patrons, as discussed here today, as granting the variance meets the regulatory requirements and is consistent with the purposes of G.L. c. 23K. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

10. Community Affairs Division (4:26:28)

a. FY 2027 Community Mitigation Fund Grant Application Review

CFAO Lennon presented the FY 2027 Community Mitigation Fund ("CMF") grant applications for the Commission's review. *A memorandum, including summaries of the grant applications and reallocation requests, was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 183 through 261.* CFAO Lennon reviewed the municipal applications, which included five (5) waiver requests, the regional entity applications, and the reallocation requests.

Commissioner Hill commended Senior Program Manager Mary Thurlow for stepping into a leadership position. Chair Maynard asked if there were projects that were not recommended to be funded in full. CFAO Lennon stated that it was proposed that Northampton be granted its full allocation of $19,200 towards its digital marketing campaign instead of the Town's actual request of $75,000. He noted that if the Commission wanted to fully fund Northampton's request, which included a waiver of $55,800, it could reduce the CMF funding proposed for the Attorney General's Office ("AGO") by that amount and then build that amount for the AGO into the operating budget for the Gaming Control Fund. Chair Maynard stated that these were tough decisions as money was scarce.

i. Municipal Applications – No waiver (4:57:17)

- Region A: Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, and Somerville

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the following FY 27 Region A Municipal Block Grant Applications for funding from the Community Mitigation Fund for the purposes described in the submitted applications and materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and for the reasons described therein and as discussed here today; and further, that Commission staff be authorized to execute all necessary grant instruments commemorating these awards in accordance with 205 CMR 153.04: the City of Boston in the amount of $668,500; the City of Cambridge in the amount of $179,500; the City of Chelsea in the amount of $263,500; the City of Lynn in the amount of $51,300; the City of Malden in the amount of $226,400; the City of Medford in the amount of $268,900; the City of Melrose in the amount of $51,300; and the City of Somerville in the amount of $284,700. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

- Region B: Agawam, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, West Springfield, Wilbraham (4:59:14)

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the following FY 27 Region B Municipal Block Grant Applications for funding from the Community Mitigation Fund for the purposes described in the submitted applications and materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and for the reasons described therein and as discussed here today; and further, that Commission staff be authorized to execute all necessary grant instruments commemorating these awards in accordance with 205 CMR 153.04: the Town of Agawam in the amount of $91,700; the City of Chicopee in the amount of $87,500; the Town of East Longmeadow in the amount of $90,300; the Town of Hampden in the amount of $19,200; the City of Holyoke in the amount of $75,000; the Town of Longmeadow in the amount of $32,600; the Town of Ludlow in the amount of $62,800; the Town of West Springfield in the amount of $132,900; and the Town of Wilbraham in the amount of $80,500. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

- Category 2: Foxborough, Mansfield, Wrentham (5:00:52)

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission that the Commission approve the following FY 27 Category 2 Municipal Block Grant Applications for funding from the Community

Mitigation Fund for the purposes described in the submitted applications and materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and for the reasons described therein and as discussed here today; and further, that Commission staff be authorized to execute all necessary grant instruments commemorating these awards in accordance with 205 CMR 153.04: the Town of Foxborough in the amount of $16,500; the Town of Mansfield in the amount of $16,200; and the Town of Wrentham in the amount of $19,700. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

ii. Municipal Waiver Requests (5:02:57)

Commissioner Hill began to move for the Commission to approve the City of Everett's FY 27 application for funding from the CMF; however, Commissioner O'Brien noted his motion was not based on the review team's recommendations. Commissioner Hill withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Brodeur asked if the reallocation of funding for the AGO would occur if Northampton's waiver request was approved. CFAO Lennon reiterated that if the Commission wanted to award $75,000 to Northampton, $55,800 could be taken from the AGO's recommended award, and those funds could be replaced with funding in the Commission's operating budget. Chair Maynard stated that he supported funding both projects, and he was okay with adjusting the funding accordingly.

Commissioner Skinner asked why the review team did not recommend the funding this way for Northampton and the AGO. CFAO Lennon stated that while municipalities were to be prioritized, a decision did have to be made regarding the available funds.

- Everett (5:11:29)

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the City of Everett's FY 27 application for funding from the Community Mitigation Fund in the amount of $755,400, including $21,500 of its waiver request, for the reasons set forth in the submitted application and materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and as discussed here today, and further, that Commission staff be authorized to execute all necessary grant instruments commemorating this award in accordance with 205 CMR 153.04; and further moved that the Commission approve the Town of Plainville's application for funding from the Community Mitigation Fund in the amount of–

Commissioner Brodeur paused to inquire whether the Commission had the desire to grant the Town of Plainville's waiver. General Counsel Scanlon recommended taking individual votes for each grant that included a waiver request. Commissioner O'Brien offered an amendment that the language regarding Plainville be struck from the motion. Commissioner Brodeur accepted the amendment. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

Commissioner Skinner asked why some waiver requests were recommended to be granted in part, particularly with the City of Everett. CFAO Lennon explained that these recommendations were based on available CMF funds, some of which would be supplemented by reallocating funds from previous grants. Commissioner Skinner asked if the City of Everett would ultimately receive its full requested amount. CFAO Lennon confirmed that was correct as the remaining funds would come from previous grants.

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

- Northampton (5:16:05)

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the City of Northampton's application for funding from the Community Mitigation Fund in the amount of $75,000, including the amount of its waiver request, for the reasons set forth in the submitted applications and materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and as discussed here today, and further, that Commission staff be authorized to execute all necessary grant instruments commemorating this award in accordance with 205 CMR 153.04. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

- Plainville (5:18:46)

Commissioner Skinner sought clarification regarding the recommendation for the Town of Plainville. Commissioner Hill stated that Plainville would receive additional funding as reallocated from a 2022 grant. CFAO Lennon confirmed that the Commission was being asked to approve funding from the FY 27 grant round and then the remaining funds for Plainville's request would be reallocated from a previous grant. Commissioner Brodeur noted that though it was recommended to not grant Plainville's waiver, the Town would receive the full amount of its request due to the reallocation of grant funds.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the Town of Plainville's application for funding from the Community Mitigation Fund in the amount of $39,300 for the reasons set forth in the submitted applications and materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and as discussed here today, and further, that Commission staff be authorized to execute all necessary grant instruments commemorating this award in accordance with 205 CMR 153.04. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

- Revere (5:23:25)

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the City of Revere's application for funding from the Community Mitigation Fund in the amount of $221,000, including the amount of its waiver request, for the reasons set forth in the submitted applications and materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and as discussed here today, and further, that Commission staff be authorized to execute all necessary grant instruments commemorating this award in accordance with 205 CMR 153.04. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

- Springfield (5:24:18)

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the City of Springfield's application for funding from the Community Mitigation Fund in the amount of $360,000 for the reasons set forth in the submitted applications and materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and as discussed here today, and further, that Commission staff be authorized to execute all necessary grant instruments commemorating this award in accordance with 205 CMR 153.04. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

iii. Regional Entity Applications (5:25:18)

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the following Regional Entity Applications for funding from the Community Mitigation Fund for the purposes described in the submitted applications and materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and for the reasons described therein and as discussed here today; and further, that Commission staff be authorized to execute all necessary grant instruments commemorating these awards in accordance with 205 CMR 153.04: the Hampden County District Attorney's Office in the amount of $75,000; Holyoke Community College in the amount of $300,000; MassHire Metro North Workforce Board in the amount of $300,000; and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in the amount of $75,000. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

CFAO Lennon stated that there was one additional entity under the region entity applications, the Attorney General's Office. He noted that the funding for that project would be $80,200 rather than $136,000 due to the allocation of additional funding to Northampton.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office's application for funding in the amount of $80,200 from the Community Mitigation Fund for the purposes described in the submitted applications and materials included in the Commissioners' Packet and for the reasons described therein and as discussed here today; and further, that Commission staff be authorized to execute all necessary grant instruments commemorating this award in accordance with 205 CMR 153.04. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

b. Review of Community Mitigation Fund Reallocation Requests (5:28:16)

*The CMF reallocation requests were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 244 through 261.*

i. Agawam - Radios (2027) (5:28:36)

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve a reallocation of $4,750 from the FY 26 Community Mitigation Fund grant to the Town of Agawam to the Town's FY 27 Community Mitigation Fund grant for the purchase of interoperability radios, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

ii. Cambridge - Fire Blankets Change (2026) (5:29:32)

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve a modification of the City of Cambridge's FY 26 Community Mitigation Fund grant by authorizing a reallocation of $48,000 towards trainings for high rise fire operations, hazardous material response, technical rescue, and critical incident support and trainings for the City's Marine Unit and Dive Rescue Teams, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

iii. and iv. Everett - UTV (2027) and Malden Riverwalk (2023) (5:30:34)

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve a modification of the City of Everett's 2022 Community Mitigation Fund grant by authorizing a reallocation of $64,000 towards purchase of Utility Task Vehicles, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today; and further moved that Commission approve a reallocation of $1,385,513.19 from the City of Everett's 2022 Mystic Riverwalk transportation construction grant to the City's 2023 Wellington Connection Path transportation construction grant, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

v. Ludlow – Cameras (2025) (5:32:22)

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve a modification of the City of Ludlow's FY 25 Community Mitigation Fund grant by authorizing a reallocation of $35,000 towards funding for a flock cameras service contract, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Commissioner O'Brien noted that she had issues with the use of flock cameras.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Nay.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed, 4-1.*

vi. Plainville - UTV (2027) (5:33:30)

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve a reallocation of $23,500 from the Town of Plainville's 2022 Community Mitigation Fund grant to complete the funding needed for the Town's utility task vehicle program requested in its FY 27 Municipal Block Grant Application, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

vii. Springfield – Dwight Street funding for Main Street/Convention District Retail (2027)(5:34:51)

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve a modification of the City of Springfield's 2023 Community Mitigation Fund grant by authorizing a reallocation of $382,000 towards the City's Main Street/Convention District Retail project and its public safety project requests, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today.

Commissioner O'Brien corrected the amount of the reallocation as stated by Commissioner Brodeur. Commissioner Brodeur amended the motion to state the correct amount of $326,600. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

viii. Wrentham – Speed Trailer (2027) (5:37:02)

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve a modification of the Town of Wrentham's 2023 Community Mitigation Fund grant by authorizing a reallocation of $5,115.50 towards funding for purchase of a speed trailer and accessories, as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

11. Legal Division (1:03:34)

a. Final Review of DraftKings' Revised Corrective Action Plan & Demonstration of the ServiceNow Software Program

*Transcriber's Note: This agenda item was discussed prior to agenda item 6.*

Chief Deputy General Counsel Justin Stempeck explained that this topic was originally presented to the Commission in November 2025 and was a condition placed on DraftKings' license following the adjudicatory hearing on the credit card matter. He stated that DraftKings took the Commission's feedback and worked with the IEB to develop an updated corrective action plan. He stated that DraftKings was prepared to provide a demonstration of its ServiceNow platform in executive session. *DraftKings' Revised Corrective Action Plan was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 262 through 268.*

DraftKings' counsel Tony Starr stated that a demonstration would showcase how ServiceNow functions. He noted that while ServiceNow was available on the marketplace, DraftKings had implemented technology into the ServiceNow platform which was proprietary.

i. Executive Session (1:06:26)

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission anticipated convening in an executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 23N, § 6(i) to view a demonstration of DraftKings' ServiceNow software program, as the information being presented constitutes trade secrets, competitively-sensitive information, or proprietary information, the disclosure of which would be detrimental to the operator.

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission enter into executive session for the reasons stated by the Chair on the record. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

General Counsel Scanlon noted that the Commission would reconvene the public meeting session following the executive session.

*Transcriber's Note: The Commission entered into executive session at 11:13 A.M. and returned to the public meeting session at 1:28:37 in the meeting.*

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission reviewed and was satisfied with the software demonstration and update to DraftKings' Corrective Action Plan.

*Transcriber's Note: Following this discussion the Commission returned to Agenda Item 6.*

b. 205 CMR 138.69: Entertainment, Filming or Photography within the Gaming Area – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Amended Small Business Impact Statement for Final Review and Adoption (5:45:34)

Deputy General Counsel Hentoff presented amendments to 205 CMR 138.69 for final review. *A memorandum, the redline draft, the Amended Small Business Impact Statement, and public comments were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 269 through 289.*

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 138.69 as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further that staff be authorized to take steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to finalize the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

c. 205 CMR 248.12: Account Withdrawals – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Amended Small Business Impact Statement for Final Review and Adoption (5:52:37)

Staff Attorney Autumn Birarelli presented amendments to 205 CMR 248.12 for final review. *A memorandum, the redline draft, the Amended Small Business Impact Statement, and public comments were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 290 through 300.*

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 248.12 as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further that staff be authorized to take steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to finalize the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

d. 205 CMR 256.06: Advertising to Other Vulnerable Persons – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process (5:55:04)

Staff Attorney Autumn Birarelli presented amendments to 205 CMR 256.06 for initial review. *A memorandum, the redline draft, and the Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 301 through 306.* Chair Maynard noted that it was important to him that this change did not affect advertising.

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 256.06 as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further that staff be authorized to take steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

e. Table Games Rules Update – Poker (5:57:07)

Senior Associate General Counsel Judith Young presented proposed table games rule updates for poker. *A memorandum and sections of the rules where revised were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 307 through 312.*

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the amended Rules of the Game of Poker as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

12. Commissioner Updates (6:01:23)

a. Succession of Officer Positions

Chair Maynard stated that the presumptive nominee for Treasurer was Commissioner Brodeur and that the presumptive nominee for Secretary was Commissioner O'Brien.

Commissioner Skinner moved that in accordance with M.G.L. chapter 12K, section 3(f), the Commission appoint Commissioner Brodeur as Treasurer for a term of one year.

Commissioner O'Brien offered an amendment stating that Commissioner Brodeur's term of one year would begin after Commissioner Skinner's year as Treasurer ended, further confirming that would be on July 15, 2026. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

General Counsel Scanlon noted that there was a typo in the motion language, and it should have been G.L. c. 23K, not G.L. c. 12K.

Commissioner Skinner moved that in accordance with M.G.L. chapter 23K, section 3(f), the Commission appoint Commissioner Paul Brodeur as Treasurer for a term of one year, commencing at the termination of Commissioner Skinner's current term. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner:* *Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur:* *Aye.*
*Chair Maynard:* *Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

Commissioner Brodeur moved that in accordance with M.G.L. chapter 23K, section 3(f), the Commission appoint Commissioner Eileen O'Brien as Secretary for a term of one year, commencing upon the end of Commissioner Brodeur's term. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien:* *Abstain.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed, 4-0, with one abstention.*

13. Other Business (6:07:49)

Commissioner Brodeur provided one last update regarding the UFC Freedom 250 event previously discussed by the Commission. He stated that just prior to the event, World Liberty Financial, the Trump family crypto business, was added as a sponsor. He noted that the company was currently before the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency seeking permission to operate like a bank. He stated that he wanted to provide this last update on the intertangling of interests surrounding the event.

Hearing no other business, Chair Maynard requested a motion to adjourn.

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

*Roll call vote:*
*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*
*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*
*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

**List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. Revised Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated June 17, 2026.
2. Commissioners' Packet from the June 18, 2026, meeting (posted on massgaming.com).