



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 21, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 111 533 1502

Call to Order

Chair Judd-Stein called to order Agenda Setting Meeting #148 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”).

Quorum was confirmed for the meeting by roll call. The following Commissioners were present for the meeting:

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- (a) May 24, 2023
- (b) June 7, 2023

Commissioner Hill moved to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2023 and June 7, 2023 Agenda Setting meetings, included in the Commissioners’ Packet, subject to any necessary corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters. Commissioner Maynard seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agendas for the upcoming meetings scheduled for June 29, 2023, July 11, 2023 and additional agenda items for subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notice, as follows:

Adjudicatory Hearing – June 23, 2023 – 10:00 AM

The Commission will hold an adjudicatory hearing for a PPC individual qualifier on June 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Items For Public Meeting – June 29, 2023 – 9:00 AM

Item #1 – Administrative Update: Casino Update from Cain, B. – Interim IEB Gaming Agents Division Chief Burke Cain confirmed he would provide a casino update and present on slot machines and the different denominations that machines are played on today.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes: Dec 22, Jan 3 – Commissioner Hill and Associate General Counsel Judith Young confirmed there will be two meeting minute sets.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill confirmed there would likely not be an update on this date as many bills are still in conference.

Item #4 – Regulations: Play Management – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed this agenda item.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering: Lottery Update House Rules Updates – Director of Sports Wagering Bruce Band confirmed that the Sports Wagering Division would have a lottery update by Sports Wagering Business Manager Crystal Beauchemin. Sports Wagering Operations Manager Sterl Carpenter confirmed there are no house rule updates and they received a gaming request from LIV, which is still in the review process.

Item #6 – FY24 Budget Final Review – Commissioner Skinner confirmed that Chief Financial and Accounting Officer Derek Lennon and the Finance team are prepared to present on this agenda item and that no comments were received for the budget.

Item #7 – Succession of Officers and Positions – Document Vote – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed this agenda item and that the next meeting would be to take a vote.

Item #8 – GameSense Quarterly Report – Research Manager Bonnie Andrews and Program Manager Long Banh of Research & Responsible Gaming confirmed this agenda item.

Item #9 – VSE Update – *This agenda item was not discussed.*

Item #10 – Springfield Community Driven Research Project – Research Manager Andrews confirmed they would be ready to present on this topic.

Item #11 – Request to Escrow RHDF – Director of Racing Alexandra Lightbown confirmed that Paul Umbrello requested to have his board members present to speak on this topic. Associate General Counsel Young confirmed that Legal will provide a memorandum and short presentation.

Item #12 – Jockeys Guild Recognition – Mindy Coleman, Attorney for the Jockeys’ Guild – Director Lightbown confirmed this agenda item.

Item #13 – Quarterly Local Aid Payments, Q3 FY23 – Chad Bourque, Financial Analyst – Director Lightbown confirmed this agenda item.

Item #14 – Quarterly Local Aid Payments, Q4 FY23 – Chad Bourque, Financial Analyst – Director Lightbown confirmed this agenda item.

Add-On Item – Casino Public Safety – Chair Judd-Stein asked for an update on public safety at the casinos, which was previously discussed at an executive session. Chief Enforcement Counsel Heather Hall confirmed that the Investigations & Enforcement Bureau reached out to the operators and will be ready to discuss at a future date. Chair Judd-Stein confirmed that this will be an executive session.

Add-On Item – Executive Director Job Description – Commissioner O’Brien expressed interest in reviewing the latest job posting for the Executive Director role and asked it to be circulated to all the Commissioners.

Items For Public Meeting – July 11, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Item #15 – Administrative Update – *This agenda item was not discussed.*

Item #16 – Meeting Minutes – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed the Legal Division confirmed public meeting minutes for January 12, 2023 and January 18, 2023 would be ready on this date.

Item #17 – Legislative Update – *This agenda item was not discussed.*

Item #18 – Regulations – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed this agenda item.

Item #19 – Sports Wagering – Manager Beauchemin confirmed the Sports Wagering Division would have two outstanding waiver requests related to 205 CMR 238 and 205 CMR 248 to discuss at this meeting.

Item #20 – EBH Expansion Continued Discussion – Community Affairs Division Chief Joseph Delaney confirmed he would present a draft letter to Encore Boston Harbor requesting certain information as part of their application for consideration.

Item #21 – Succession of Officers and Positions – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed this agenda item will include a vote on the officer slate.

Item #22 – Requests from PPC (5) – Director Lightbown confirmed the Racing Division will present on five requests, including capital improvement, promo fund, requests for consideration, payment, and parimutuel wagering.

Items For Public Meeting – July 12, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Item #23 – Administrative Update – *This agenda item was not discussed.*

Item #24 – Minutes – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed there will be no meeting minutes on this date.

Item #25 – Regulations – Associate General Counsel Young confirmed the Legal Division will bring forward three regulations for finalization: 205 CMR 222 (Capital Investment and Monitoring of Project Construction), 205 CMR 256.01(3) (Sports Wagering Advertising), and 205 CMR 239 (Continuing Disclosure and Reporting Obligations of Sports Wagering Licensees) will be presented at this meeting.

Add-On Item – Interim Executive Director Job Description – Commissioner O’Brien requested a job description for the Interim Executive Director role be circulated to all Commissioners.

Items For Public Meeting – July 27, 2023 – 10:00 AM

The Commission will hold a public meeting on July 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Items For Public Meeting – August 10, 2023 – 10:00 AM

The Commission will hold a public meeting on August 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Items For Public Meeting – August 24, 2023 – 10:00 AM

The Commission will hold a public meeting on August 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #26 – ILEV Review Process – Chief Delaney confirmed this agenda item is still under review.

Item #27 – Encore Broadway Expansion – Chief Delaney confirmed this agenda item is still under review.

Item #28 – Racing/Racing ADW Regulations & Racing Application Review – Associate General Counsel Young and Director Lightbown confirmed this agenda item is still under review.

Item #29 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O’Brien and Chair Judd-Stein confirmed they will have a discussion with the Legal Division about this agenda item.

Item #30 – HCA Compliance Update (All Properties) – Chief Delaney confirmed this agenda item is still under review.

Item #31 – 90 Day Audit – Director Band confirmed this agenda item is still under review.

Item #32 – Delegation of Authority Vote – Director Lightbown requested this agenda item remain under review.

Item #33 – MGM Beverage License – Chief Hall requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Add-On Item – Community Mitigation Fund Concepts – Chief Delaney requested time during the public meeting on June 27, 2023 to discuss proposed concept changes to the Community Mitigation Fund.

Add-On Item – Economic Reports – Manager Andrews requested a future meeting date in August to discuss two economic reports.

Having no further business, Commissioner Hill moved to adjourn. Commissioner Skinner seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of Meeting & Agenda, dated June 21, 2023
2. Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes, dated May 24, 2023
3. Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes, dated June 7, 2023

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

June 23 (Adjudicatory)
June 29 (Public)

July 11 (Public)
July 12 (Agenda)
July 12 (Public)
July 26 (Agenda)
July 27 (Public)
August 2 (Agenda)
August 10 (Public)
August 16 (Agenda)
August 24 (Public)
August 30 (Agenda)

Double reference to Interim Director