



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 24, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 410 0558

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	Sarah Magazine

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 79th 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:
Commissioner Cameron: Aye.
Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.
Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on June 25th)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. There will be an update on the plans for the gaming establishment reopening anticipated for July 6th.

Item #2 – Regulations. Mr. Grossman proposed an emergency regulation amendment to allow employees of licensees' sister properties to come in and aid in the reopening of casinos, without having to undergo the licensing and registration process, for the July 2nd Commission meeting.

Mr. Grossman and Ms. Wells will also have a report for the Chair by July 2nd, to review regarding variances requested by our licensees with respect to internal controls. Regulations allow the executive director to approve certain changes or modifications.

Item #3 – GameSense Impact Report. Mr. Vander Linden, Ms. Driscoll, and Program Manager Teresa Fiore will have this report ready to present.

Item #4 – Data Storage & Access Report – Demo – Research Page on Website. Mr. Vander Linden, Ms. Driscoll, and Program Manager Teresa Fiore will have this report ready to present.

Item #5 – Community Mitigation Fund Presentations (Group 2). These grant recommendations will be ready to present to the Commission for discussion and votes.

(Potential Commission Meeting on July 2nd)

Item #6 – Community Mitigation Fund Final Review. This item is anticipated to be completed on June 25th.

Item #7 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics Update. This item will be placed under review.

Item #8 – Budget Year 2021. This item with any public and licensee comments will be ready to present to the Commission for discussion and a vote. Mr. Lennon updated the Commission that there is a meeting set regarding a Community Mitigation Fund charge-off that will be brought to the Commission with a recommendation.

Item #9 – State of Simulcasting – ADW (Advanced Deposit Wagering) – Account Wagering Report. This report will be ready to present. The report will cover how ADW is conducted in MA vs. simulcasting and betting in person for live racing. Mr. Bourque should describe a section on revenue. This item could be incorporated into the administrative update. Also, the difference between a mobile bet and the ADW should be discussed, as it is in the public interest to make that distinction.

Item # 10 – Use of Delinquency Info for Suitability (c. 119, s. 60). This item will be placed under review.

Added Item: Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association Request to Race outside of MA for the July 2nd Commission Meeting, will require a vote.

Added Item: Approval of Licensees' (Plainridge Park, Suffolk Downs, Raynham Park) Pandemic Related Minimum Standards for Reopening of Horse Racing and Simulcasting Operations for the July 2nd Commission Meeting, will require a vote.

Added Item: Plainridge Park Casino re-licensing suitability reports will be presented at the July 30th Commission Meeting. A public hearing will be held in September.

(Potential Commission Meeting on June 30th)

Item # 11 – MAGIC Waves 1 – 4. Mr. Vander Linden will have this item ready to present, and he will check with Dr. Rachel Volberg to see if July 16th could be feasible for her to present.

(Under Review)

Item # 12 – Status Update – Independent Directors Gaming Vendor Primary. This item is in progress and will remain under review at this time.

Item # 13 – Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association (MTBA) Request to Race at Finger Lakes. See “Added Item” for July 2nd Commission Meeting with edited title.

Item # 14 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Promotional Fund Consideration. This item will remain under review at this time.

Item #15 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. this item will remain under review at this time.

Item #16 – Workforce & Vendor Reporting Template. This item will remain under review at this time.

Item #17 – Compliance Items Update. This item is under ongoing review.

Item #18 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item will be removed from the agenda planning at this time.

Approval of Minutes

11:00 a.m. *Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of June 10, 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.*

11:02 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Stebbins made a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Cameron 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 24, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes
3. Meeting Minutes of the June 10, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary