

Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 — 10:00am **Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission

VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-973-854-6173

PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 279 7015

Call to Order

Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 103rd agenda setting meeting. She noted that given the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the global Coronavirus pandemic, Governor 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, and that in keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission would conduct this meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

The Chair confirmed a quorum for the meeting by roll call. The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioner Gayle Cameron Commissioner Eileen O'Brien Commissioner Enrique Zuniga Chair Cathy Judd-Stein

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the minutes from the agenda setting meeting of May 12, 2021, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting scheduled for June 17, 2021 and subsequent meetings as described in the attached agenda planning notes, as follows:

Item #1 – Administrative Update

Executive Director Karen Wells and Director of the IEB Loretta Lillios will be ready to present regarding casino operation updates at the next meeting.

<u>Item #2 – Regulations</u>

General Counsel Todd Grossman and Chief of the Licensing Division Nakisha Skinner asked to discuss Plainridge Park Casino's ("PPC") alcoholic beverage license renewal and expansion at the next meeting.

Item #3 – Legislative Updates

Director of Diversity and Legislative Affairs Jill Griffin will be ready to discuss the whitepaper on sports wagering at the next meeting, along with a responsible gaming framework by Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden.

<u>Item #4 – Budget Review</u>

Commissioner Zuniga will be ready to present a budget review at the next meeting.

Item #5 – MGM Transfer of Interest-REIT Threshold Issues

Mr. Grossman will be ready to present this item at the next meeting.

Item #6 –Racehorse Development Benefits for Drivers and Jockeys

Director of Racing Dr. Alexandra Lightbown requested postponing this item until July 1. She suggested discussing PPC's new racing official at the next meeting.

Ms. Lillios suggested discussing casino qualifiers at the next meeting.

No other items were brought forward for the meeting on June 17, 2021.

The following items were discussed in regard to the meeting on July 1, 2021:

Item #7 – MGC Employee Vendor and Diversity

Director Wells will be ready to present this item. It will not require a vote.

Item #8 – Responsible Gaming Framework Follow-Up

Mr. Vander Linden suggested keeping this item on the agenda for July 1, although he may have to push it back.

No other items were brought forward for the meeting on July 1, 2021.

The following items described as "under review" were discussed as follows:

Item #10 –ILEV Review Process

Commissioner Zuniga recommended keeping this item under review.

<u>Item #14 –MGM REIT Interim Authorizations</u>

Ms. Lillios recommended keeping this item under review.

Ms. Wells recommended keeping discussion of setting a standard around hiring authority under review.

<u>10:43 a.m.</u> *Having no further business, Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to adjourn.*

Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Zuniga: 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 9, 2021
- 2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, agenda planning notes for June 9, 2021
- 3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, meeting minutes of the May 12, 2021 public meeting