

Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: July 20, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292

MEETING ID: 112 452 0635

Call to Order

Commissioner O'Brien called to order Agenda Setting Meeting #126 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Due to a scheduling conflict, Commissioner O'Brien chaired the meeting for Chair Judd-Stein, who attended via telephone.

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

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein Commissioner Bradford R. Hill Commissioner Eileen O'Brien Commissioner Nakisha Skinner

Approval of Prior Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

a. June 15, 2022

Commissioner Hill moved to approve the minutes from June 15, 2022, subject to necessary edits for typographical errors or non-material matters. Commissioner Skinner seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Chair Judd-Stein Aye.
Commissioner Hill Aye.
Commissioner Skinner Aye.
Commissioner O'Brien Abstain.

Motion Passed 3-0.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agendas for the upcoming meetings scheduled for July 26, 2022, and subsequent meetings described in the attached agenda planning notice, as follows:

Items For Future Public Meetings – All Meetings

- <u>Item # 1 Administrative Update</u> Executive Director Wells confirmed the July 26th Administrative Update would not include a presentation detailing onsite gaming establishment operations from Assistant Director Band, given the abbreviated meeting agenda, but that regular updates would resume at the following public meeting in August.
- <u>Item # 2 Regulations General Counsel Grossman confirmed the Legal Division will be bringing forward the following regulations for votes to begin the promulgation process on July 26th, 2022: 205 CMR 102, Definitions, 205 CMR 115.04 Phase I and New Qualifier Proceedings, and 205 CMR 115.01(04) Continuing Duty.</u>
- <u>Item # 3 Legislative Updates</u> Commissioner Hill and Ms. Beauchemin requested that this agenda item be held for the time being, given the sports wagering bills being discussed within Conference Committee. Commissioner Hill added that the legislative session will on July 31st, 2022.

Items For Public Meeting – July 26, 2022 (This date also includes a public hearing on potential revisions to the license application for any new horse racing applicants)

<u>Item #4 – Play My Way Update – Research and Responsible Gaming</u> – Director Vander Linden requested an agenda item for a brief update on the roll-out of Play My Way program on July 26th. Program Manager Long Banh will provide the update.

<u>Item #5 – Racing – Request for Promotional Fund Consideration – Summer Handicapping Series</u> – Dr. Lightbown confirmed this item was ready to go forward for presentation at the July 26th Meeting.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

- <u>Item # 6 Responsible Gaming Commissioner Research Priorities</u> Director Vander Linden requested that this item remain under review for the time being.
- <u>Item #7 Responsible Gaming Sports Wagering Paper</u> Director Vander Linden will provide a brief update in on this item in August and will provide the Commission with a longer presentation in September, given the pending sports wagering legislation.
- <u>Item # 8 ILEV Review Process</u> Chief Delaney requested that this matter go forward in September but remain under review for the time being.

<u>Item # 9 – Continued Preparation for Potential Sports Wagering</u> – Executive Director Wells asked that this agenda item be utilized for necessary discussions in anticipation of the legalization of Sports Wagering in the Commonwealth but plans to update the Commission on August 11th.

<u>Item # 10 – Racing Application Revisions</u> – General Counsel Grossman and Dr. Lightbown confirmed that this item be reserved and utilized for additional time to review and revise racing application after the period of public comment and the public hearing on July 26th.

<u>Item # 11 – Realty Income Trust Discussion</u> – Chief Enforcement Counsel Hall requested that this item be added under review for the time being and would update the Commissioners with a desired adjudicatory hearing date - separate from existing public meetings - in mid to late August.

<u>Item #12 – VICI REIT Successor Trustee Suitability</u> – Chief Enforcement Counsel Hall requested an adjudicatory hearing to evaluate and discuss the Successor Trustee for the VICI REIT. As the IEB investigation is still ongoing, Chief Enforcement Counsel Hall anticipates that this hearing will not occur until September.

<u>Item #13 – Public Records Request Policy and IT</u> – Executive Director Wells requested this matter go forward in at the August 11th public meeting but will confirm the presentation at the next agenda setting meeting on August 3rd.

<u>Item #14- Quarterly Licensee Reports</u> – Chief Delaney requested that these items go forward at the August 11th public meeting.

<u>Add-on Item – MGC Compliance Committee</u> – Commissioner O'Brien requested an agenda item to discuss the establishment of the MGC Compliance Committee at a future public meeting.

<u>Add-on Item – MGC Officer Succession Planning</u> – Commissioner O'Brien requested an agenda item to discuss succession planning for MGC Officers at a future public meeting.

Commissioner Updates – (none)

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

Roll Call Vote:

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner Aye.
Commissioner O'Brien Aye.

The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

- 1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting & Agenda, dated July 14, 2022
- 2. Agenda Setting Minutes June 15, 2022

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

August 3– Agenda Setting

August 11 – Public Meeting

August 17 – Agenda Setting

September 1– Public Meeting

September 7 – Agenda Setting

September 15 – Public Meeting