



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: July 22, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 458 6226

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	Sarah Magazine
Chad Bourque	

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 81st 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.

Approval of Minutes

10:00 a.m. *Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of July 8, 2020, 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.

Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on July 30th)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ms. Wells will have an administrative update, to provide an overview of the status of operations at the casinos. Mr. Grossman will also provide a legislative update review as well to monitor any developments. The legislative update will be a recurring update moving forward, to monitor pending legislation.

Item #2 – Regulations. There will be no regulations up for review or approval at this Commission meeting. The next set of regulations up for (final) approval will be at the August 27th Commission meeting, following the scheduled regulation hearing.

Mr. Grossman also recommends a review of the Race Horse Development Fund split percentage proposal by the Horse Race Committee that was sent to the House and Senate on Monday. The Commission will need to review those recommendations for approval at the August 27th Commission meeting.

Item #3 – PPC Renewal Licensure, Suitability Determinations. Ms. Lillios will have this report ready to present. Representation for the licensee and Penn National will be present at this meeting. Commissioners should provide any questions they would like addressed to Ms. Lillios so she can circulate and collect responses. This will require a vote.

Item #4 – MAGIC Waves 1 - 4. Mr. Vander Linden said that this presentation will be ready with Dr. Volberg presenting.

Item #5 – Community Mitigation Fund – West Springfield Application. Mr. Delaney said that this item will be ready to present. A letter from West Springfield addressing the Commission's additional questions has been received and there will be 2x2 meetings with Commissioners next week to review those details. Senior Enforcement Counsel Kate Harrigan is preparing a memo on this for the Commission.

Added Item: Racing Update. It was noted that this item has been discussed previously.

Added Items for Potential August 13th Commission Meeting

Quarterly Local Aid Payments – Dr. Lightbown – will require votes.

Election of a Secretary and Treasurer – Legal Division will review the dates of previous elections.

Equity and Inclusion Working Group Update. Chair Judd-Stein requested that this date is targeted for this presentation.

Added Item for Potential August 27th Commission Meeting:

Compliance and Risk Officer Designation – Legal Division

(Under Review)

Added Item: Executive Director Search Update. This item is under review.

Item #6 – Juvenile Records Review Update. This item is in progress and will remain under review at this time.

Item #7 – PPC Re-Licensing Status. This item will remain under review. A public hearing will take place by mid-September, with a final vote at the end of September. The schedule for this should be finalized at the next Agenda-Setting meeting.

Item #8 – Licensee Quarterly Reports. This item will remain under review. Mr. Delaney stated that 2x2 meetings with Commissioners will be scheduled for input. There will also be meetings with licensees. All documentation should be reviewed in September.

Item #9 – Budget Update End of Fiscal Year. This item will be on the September 24th Commission meeting agenda.

Item # 10 – Horse Racing Committee - Split. This item will be on the August 27th Commission meeting agenda.

Item # 11 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics Update. Stay under review.

Item # 12 – Status Update – Independent Directors Gaming Vendor Primary. Stay under review and in process.

Item # 13 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Promotional Fund Consideration. This item is under review.

Item # 14 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. This item is under review. Wednesday, October 14th will be a research day that focuses exclusively on research conducted in the Springfield area. Notably, it will be the follow-up on one year after MGM opened and analyzing gambling behavior in Springfield area residents. The presentation will include an MGM Springfield operations report, patron survey, and new employee survey. Commissioner Stebbins would like to include stakeholders in the Springfield area who might be interested in the results.

Item # 15 – Compliance Items Update. This item is under review, with anticipation of completion by the end of August.

Added Item: Commission’s Annual Report. Commissioner Zuniga is preparing to draft this report.

Added Item: Community Mitigation Fund Regulations. – Commissioner Stebbins said that the item is under review.

10:42 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 July 22, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes
3. Meeting Minutes of the July 8, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary