



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: July 22, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

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The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. Use of this technology was intended to ensure an adequate, alternative means of public access to the Commission's deliberations for any interested member of the public.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Jordan Maynard

Commissioner Eileen O'Brien

Commissioner Bradford Hill

Commissioner Nakisha Skinner

Commissioner Paul Brodeur

1. [Call to Order](#) (06:57)

Chair Maynard called to order the Public Meeting #593 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five Commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Meeting Minutes](#) (07:32)

a. June 18, 2026

The June 18, 2026 public meeting minutes were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 3 through 26.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission accept the minutes from the public meeting held on June 18, 2026 as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, subject to any revisions for typographical errors or any other non-material matters. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

3. [Administrative Update](#) (08:21)

a. Update on position posting - Division Chief, Government and Community Affairs

Executive Director Dean Serpa stated that the Commission would be moving forward with a job posting regarding the recent vacancy for Community Affairs Division Chief though he noted that the position title had changed to Chief of Government and Community Affairs. *A memorandum, the job description, and the job posting were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 27 through 35.* Executive Director Serpa explained that this role was a major policymaking position subject to the Commission's Hiring Policy 01.03.01 and would require the filing of an annual Statement of Financial Interest.

Commissioner O'Brien suggested that the job posting should emphasize a preference for candidates with experience with the open meeting law and public records law. Executive Director Serpa noted that he would add that experience to the preferred qualifications. Commissioner Brodeur stated that the growth of prediction markets created a need for knowledge of and interaction with the federal government. He noted that the Community Mitigation Fund being funded again also created a need for this type of role. Executive Director Serpa stated that these matters were considered in developing the job description.

Chair Maynard expressed that he was comfortable with Executive Director Serpa setting up the hiring committee and that he did not feel he needed to serve on the committee. Commissioner Hill agreed. Executive Director Serpa stated that he would keep the Commission updated regarding the hiring process.

In addition, Executive Director Serpa noted that July 19, 2026 was the Spirit of Massachusetts race day at Plainridge Park Casino ("PPC"). Director of Racing and Chief Veterinarian Alexandra Lightbown stated that PPC's racing staff did a good job preparing the track. She stated that the test barn and veterinarians doubled their testing and that the licensing team processed 40 licenses specific to this day. She noted that Chair Maynard and Commissioner O'Brien attended the event and presented the trophies.

4. [Legal Division](#) (17:56)

Prior to discussing legal matters, Chair Maynard stated that the Commission was addressing the discrete issue of simulcast license transfers that would apply to all current and future licensees. He stated that the items on the meeting's agenda did not pertain to any new products currently being considered and discussed by the Legislature.

a. 205 CMR 17.00 – Review of a Proposed Transfer of Interests in a Racing Meeting License – Emergency Adoption (19:09)

Chief Deputy General Counsel Justin Stempeck presented 205 CMR 17.00, a new regulation regarding transfers of interest in a racing meeting license, for emergency promulgation. He noted that the Commission was aware of an agreement by an entity to purchase the property and racing license of the Massasoit Greyhound Association d/b/a/ Raynham Park (“MGA”). Should a transfer occur, the hope is for the facility to be reopened. *The draft of 205 CMR 17.00 and the Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 36 through 42.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft 205 CMR 17.00 as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and discussed here today, and further that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by emergency and thereafter to begin the regulation promulgation process relative to this regulation; and that staff shall be authorized to modify chapter or section numbers or titles, to file additional regulation sections as reserved, or to make any other administrative changes as necessary to execute the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O’Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b. Application for Greyhound Racing License Transfer (24:43)

Chief Stempeck presented the proposed application for a greyhound racing license transfer. *The proposed application for greyhound racing license transfer was included in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 43 through 66.*

Commissioner O’Brien moved that the Commission approve the Application for Greyhound Racing License Transfer as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

c. Withdrawal of Massasoit Greyhound Association, Inc.’s Application for a Category 2 sports wagering license pursuant to 205 CMR 213 (27:08)

Chief Stempeck presented MGA’s request to withdraw its application for a category two sports wagering license. He noted that the MGA’s application was held open in the event that MGA was able to find a new sports wagering partner. *MGA’s request to withdraw its application for a category two sports wagering license was included in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 67 through 69.*

Commissioner Hill moved that in accordance with 205 CMR 213.01(2), the Commission find that the Massasoit Greyhound Association has shown good cause to support the withdrawal of its category 2 sports wagering license application and that the Commission approve their Withdrawal Request as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner O’Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

d. Withdrawal of Caesars Qualifiers’ Application as a Qualifier for Massasoit Greyhound Association, Inc.’s Category 2 sports wagering license pursuant to 205 CMR 213 (29:38)

Chief Stempeck explained that American Wagering Inc. d/b/a Caesars Entertainment (“Caesars”) was a pending qualifier related to MGA’s application for a sports wagering license. He noted that Caesars filed to withdraw from the process as a qualifier but that their request had not been acted upon and was pending the final outcome of MGA’s application. *Caesars’ request to withdraw as a qualifier was included in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 70 through 71.*

Commissioner O’Brien moved that in accordance with 205 CMR 213.01(2), the Commission find that Caesars, and its related entity and individual qualifiers, have shown good cause for the withdrawal of its application as a Qualifier for the Massasoit Greyhound Association and that the Commission approve its Withdrawal Request as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O’Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

e. [Request for Change of Address, Massasoit Greyhound Association, Inc.](#) (31:58)

Chief Stempeck presented MGA's request for a change of address. He explained that this discussion item was intended to provide notice to the Commission of MGA's change of address and required no vote. Chair Maynard acknowledged that the Commission received MGA's letter notifying the Commission of the address change. Commissioner Hill asked if the address was for the new building on MGA's property. Chief Stempeck confirmed that the address was for the new building on the same property. *MGA's request for a change of address was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 72 through 73.*

5. [Investigations and Enforcement Bureau](#) (34:23)

a. Review of Sports Wagering Operator Application Materials

Investigations and Enforcement Bureau ("IEB") Director Caitlin Monahan presented updates to the application materials for the sports wagering license application. *The updated application materials were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 74 through 186 and in the additional meeting materials document.*

Commissioner Brodeur noted that most of the changes were not substantive policy changes. Commissioner Skinner asked for more details regarding the changes in reporting amount thresholds. Director Monahan explained that the litigation reporting requirement in the Business Entity Disclosure form was increased to \$250,000 to be consistent with the Commission's regulations. Commissioner Skinner asked why the requirement for references was removed from the Massachusetts Supplemental form. Director Monahan stated that references were required by a different form making that requirement redundant.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the updated Application for Category 1, 2, & 3 Sports Wagering Operator License and related forms included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. [Commissioner Updates](#) (49:27)

Chair Maynard asked if there were any Commissioner Updates and received no response.

7. [Other Business](#) (49:34)

Hearing no other business, Chair Maynard requested a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Brodeur moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated July 20, 2026.](#)
2. [Commissioner's Packet from the July 22, 2026, meeting \(posted on massgaming.com\).](#)
3. [Additional Meeting Materials – Business Entity Disclosure Form.](#)