



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

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Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

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The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. The 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:

Interim Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner

1. [Call to Order](#) (00:10)

Interim Chair Maynard called to order the 527th Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all four commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Meeting Minutes](#) (0:44)

The February 8, 2024, February 21, 2024, and February 28, 2024 public meeting minutes were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 5 through 17.

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the meeting minutes from February 8th, February 21st, and February 28th, 2024 meetings as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, subject to any necessary corrections for typographical errors, or any other non-material matters. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

<i>Commissioner O'Brien:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Hill:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Commissioner Skinner:</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

*Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

3. [Administrative Update](#) (2:03)

Executive Director Dean Serpa stated that as of this week, the Commission will be moving forward with its 2024 performance review project, noting that between now and the end of September 2024, all managers will be completing this year's individual reviews. He emphasized that these performance reviews are an important touch point for staff and managers to provide each other with constructive feedback. Executive Director Serpa stated that this year, the Commission will be using the performance management platform Cornerstone to complete the performance reviews.

4. [Legislative Update](#) (5:29)

Commissioner Hill noted that the Legislature wrapped up the 2023-2024 full formal sessions and gave information about the FY 2025 budget. He stated the Legislature voted to override certain vetoes by Governor Healey; however, none of those items impacted the Commission. Commissioner Hill added that the Commission will receive funding for payments to cities and towns hosting racing and facility licenses. He stated that in the budget, there are sections that impact the Commission, including a redistribution of tax dollars generated by category 1 gaming operators. Commissioner Hill concluded the update by sharing that the House, Senate, and Governor's office have all listened to the Commission's concerns throughout the process and that the budget displays this.

5. [Research and Responsible Gaming](#) (11:11)

a. National Voluntary Self Exclusion Program Model

Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden stated that to date, the Commission was approaching roughly 2,000 individuals enrolled in the Voluntary Self-Exclusion program. He noted that when one enrolls in this program, it extends to all operators in Massachusetts. Director Vander Linden noted that this program does not extend to other states, and with new mobile methods of gambling, there are limitations. He stated that due to this, there is justification for a multi-state or national model and elaborated on what it would look like to achieve that.

Commissioner Skinner asked Director Vander Linden why other New England states might be hesitant to be the first to establish similar programs. He stated that he didn't have a certain idea of why other than the fact that being the first state to do so would be harder than following the lead of other states. idPair CEO Jonathan Aiwarzian added that one state taking that first step would encourage other states to join the effort.

Commissioner O'Brien asked if another challenge was the data privacy laws which vary in different states. Mr. Aiwarzian stated that while individuals share their information for self-exclusion in the program, their information does not get shared anywhere they have not

consented to. He added that people's data is treated with utmost respect. A conversation continued about privacy concerns.

Mr. Aiwarzian presented on the National Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program ("NVSEP") with important topics including why a national program is needed and how it helps, how the application idPair works, and the program's goals. *NVSEP's full presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 20 to 35.*

Commissioner O'Brien stated she loved the idea of a national VSE program but had a few legal concerns. She asked if there was a way to talk to the Attorney General's Office regarding this matter. Mr. Aiwarzian stated that getting the departments to work together is one of his goals.

Interim Chair Maynard asked what reinstatement from the VSE program would look like across the different states. Director Vander Linden noted that reinstatement is important to the model in Massachusetts. He added that in terms of regulations, there is an option for designated agents that can enroll people in the program. Mr. Aiwarzian added that while there is variation between states, the variation is limited. Mr. Aiwarzian stated that by giving options to individuals and informing them that some states have different rules, the individual can decide whether to proceed or not self-exclude in a certain state.

Commissioner Skinner noted that the program has a lot of potential, but the details still need to be worked out as different jurisdictions are added. Commissioner Skinner asked what the cost would be to implement and maintain a national program as well as if there were any procurement laws that are implicated in the process. Director Vander Linden answered that idPair has agreed to waive any costs to the Commission if they agree to adopt the program until the point in time at which other states join, noting that for this fiscal year, there would be no budget associated with it. He said that regarding procurement laws, he had a conversation with Deputy General Counsel Justin Stempeck and Chief Information Officer Katrina Jagroop-Gomes on the matter. Mr. Stempeck elaborated on the legalities of the topic.

Interim Chair Maynard asked if there were any other companies in this field. Director Vander Linden stated he was aware of one other company that offers a similar solution. He concluded by noting that this type of program is of value to the Commission and the Commonwealth.

Commissioner O'Brien, Commissioner Skinner, and Commissioner Hill shared that they wanted to move forward with the concept. However, Commissioner Hill noted that he had concerns about the future costs of the program and would want that information before they were fully committed. Director Vander Linden noted that he would work on identifying the costs allocated for this.

- b. [Presentation of report, "A Framework for Independent Research Using Industry Funding: The Massachusetts Model"](#) (53:27)

Research Manager Dr. Bonnie Andrews presented the report, "A Framework for Independent Research Using Industry Funding: The Massachusetts Model." The report included important

topics like background on the model, the model in action, and a call to regulators and legislators. *The full presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 44 to 57.*

Interim Chair Maynard stated he was very proud of The Massachusetts Model. Commissioner Hill shared this sentiment, noting that the model has been instrumental in the work that the Commission does. Commissioner O'Brien echoed these statements.

Director Vander Linden noted that a lot of credit should be given to the Legislature for carving out a research agenda that is unprecedented in the United States.

c. [GameSense Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Fourth Quarter Report](#) (1:05:05)

Responsible Gaming Program Manager Long Banh provided background on responsible gaming and the creation of the GameSense program.

Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health ("MACGH") CEO Marlene Warner, COO Chelsea Turner, Chief Programs Officer Odessa Dwarika, and Chief Communications Officer Janine Ruggiero presented the GameSense FY24 Q4 Report with important topics including the following: FY24 Interaction Data, Magic Moments and Champion Awards, community engagement, new activities and trainings, increasing resources for patrons, highlights for FY25, and a personnel update. *GameSense's full FY24 Q4 presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 59 to 80.*

A conversation ensued about COO Turner's departure from her position and how grateful the Commission was for her work.

6. [Investigations and Enforcement Bureau](#) (1:59:15)

The Commission reconvened after a short break. All four commissioners were present.

a. [Briefing on noncompliance related to Temporary Category 3 Sports Wagering Licensee, BetMGM, LLC, including next steps. Alleged noncompliance relates to wagering on unauthorized events in contravention of 205 CMR 247.01\(1\), 205 CMR 247.01\(2\)\(i\), and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog](#) (1:59:41)

Enforcement Counsel Nate Kennedy briefed the Commission on a noncompliance matter. Mr. Kennedy stated that on June 26, 2024, the Commission received a report that BetMGM, LLC d/b/a BetMGM hired Gaming Labs International ("GLI") to perform an audit of their platform to ensure compliance with Massachusetts prohibited sports wagering markets after they discovered that their platform had offered some prohibited markets. GLI performed the review and determined that BetMGM had been allowing betting on events where Belarus and Russia were participants. Mr. Kennedy noted this was a violation of 205 CMR 247.01(1), 205 CMR 247.01(2)(i), and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog. He stated there was a total of 2,221 wagers placed for a total handle of \$2,324.04. Mr. Kennedy asked the Commission for guidance on how to proceed.

Commissioner O'Brien asked how the IEB has handled past matters involving offering events that were outside the catalog. Interim Chief Enforcement Counsel Kathleen Kramer answered that there had been one other matter that involved a catalog violation and that matter was sent back to the IEB for review. Commissioner O'Brien stated she would be inclined to follow the same process for this violation. Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Skinner and Interim Chair Maynard agreed that this matter should be sent back to the IEB for review.

- b. [Briefing on noncompliance related to Temporary Category 3 Sports Wagering Licensee Betfair Interactive, LLC, d/b/a FanDuel Sportsbook, including next steps. Alleged noncompliance relates to employee placing wagers on platform in contravention of 205 CMR 238.32\(1\) \(2:03:59\)](#)

Enforcement Counsel Zac Mercer presented the next noncompliance matter. He stated that this matter involved a FanDuel employee placing wagers on the platform, which is prohibited by 205 CMR 238.32(1). On May 14, 2024, FanDuel discovered an employee engaged in sports wagering activity in Massachusetts totaling \$542 in wagers. Mr. Mercer stated that this was reported to the Commission, the employee's account was suspended, and all wagers were settled as losses. He asked the Commission for guidance on how to proceed.

Commissioner Skinner asked if FanDuel had knowledge that this employee was placing wagers. Mr. Kennedy clarified that FanDuel allows their employees to have accounts for certain reasons. However, he noted that FanDuel was unaware of the employee's wagering activity, and once they caught it, they acted.

Commissioner Skinner stated she would be interested in holding an adjudicatory hearing about this matter with the IEB serving as a witness. Commissioner Hill stated he would like to send this matter back to the IEB. Commissioner O'Brien stated she agreed with Commissioner Skinner's plan of action, but the IEB would function better as a party in the matter. Interim Chair Maynard noted he had many questions about the issue but agreed that the IEB should act as a party instead of a witness.

After conversation, the Commissioners agreed to have the IEB function as a party in an adjudicatory hearing.

- c. [Review of the IEB's Recommendation of Assessment of a Civil Administrative Penalty Pursuant to 205 CMR 232.02\(2\) regarding noncompliance with permissible sports wagering offerings by MGM Springfield \(2:10:38\)](#)

Enforcement Counsel Diandra Franks presented the next matter, the IEB's recommendation that the Commission assess a civil administrative penalty in the amount of \$22,500 upon MGM Springfield ("MGM") for a noncompliance incident that occurred in 2023. She stated the incident involved wagering on a non-tournament Massachusetts collegiate basketball game. She noted that MGM has been communicative throughout the process and agrees with the IEB's recommendation for the penalty. Ms. Franks asked the Commission if they agreed with the IEB's recommendation or if they would rather reject it and move forward with an adjudicatory hearing.

Commissioner Hill stated he agreed with the IEB's recommendation. Commissioner Skinner and Commissioner O'Brien shared this sentiment.

Commissioner Hill moved that pursuant to 205 CMR 232.02(2), the Commission adopt the IEB's recommendation of the issuance of a civil administrative penalty in the amount of \$22,500 for an incident of noncompliance with the requirements set forth in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3 and 205 CMR 247.01(2)(a)(2) regarding the offering of a wagering on a regular season Northeastern University Men's Basketball game vs. La Salle. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Ms. Kramer moved to the next matter and presented the IEB's recommendation that the Commission assess a civil administrative penalty in the amount of \$25,000 upon MGM for a noncompliance incident occurring between December 29 and December 30, 2023. She noted the statute and regulation implicated in the violation are M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3 and 205 CMR 247.01(2)(a)(2). Ms. Kramer noted that this incident involved wagering on a non-tournament Massachusetts collegiate basketball game. She added that on July 16, 2024, the IEB submitted their recommendation to the Commission, and no additional information was uncovered since that time that would change the nature of the noncompliance. She noted that MGM was communicative throughout the process and agrees with the IEB's recommendation. She asked the Commissioners whether they agreed with the IEB's recommendation or if they would rather reject it and move forward with an adjudicatory hearing.

Commissioner O'Brien stated she would like to accept the recommendation. Commissioner Skinner asked Ms. Franks if the wagers were offered on the app. Ms. Franks answered that all wagers for this event were placed at a kiosk and did not believe they were offered on the app.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that pursuant to 205 CMR 232.02(2), the Commission adopt the IEB's recommendation of the issuance of a civil administrative penalty in the amount of \$25,000 for an incident of noncompliance with the requirements set forth in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3 and 205 CMR 247.01(2)(a)(2) regarding the offering of a wagering on a regular season UMass Amherst Men's Basketball game vs. Sienna College. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

7. [Sports Wagering Division](#) (2:19:48)

a. DraftKings Request to Void Wagers per 205 CMR 238.35(2)

Sports Wagering Operations Manager Andrew Steffen presented DraftKings' request to void wagers per 205 CMF 238.35(2). *A copy of Draft Kings' void request and related memorandum is included in the Commissioners' Packet at pages 82 through 87.* He stated that the incident occurred when DraftKings uploaded a document and offered wagering for a Formula 1 race with the incorrect spelling of a single driver's name while also offering wagers for the correct spelling of the driver's name. He noted that DraftKings stated this was an obvious error and is requesting the void. Mr. Steffen stated that this error was present between September 24, 2024 and September 27, 2024 for a total of 13 wagers by nine individuals totaling \$15.76. Due to the wager being placed for the driver to finish in the top four, DraftKings is requesting the void as the driver finished 17th. Mr. Steffen stated that DraftKings met the requirements and that the Sports Wagering Division recommended that the wagers be voided.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that since the driver did not exist, the void would be appropriate. Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Skinner agreed with this sentiment. Interim Chair Maynard stated that approving the void would make the most sense.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the DraftKings request to void wagers as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today and authorize staff to issue a written order pursuant to 205 CMR 238.35(2). Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

b. [Request for Amendment to House Rules: DraftKings](#) (2:27:53)

Mr. Steffen introduced the request for amendment to Draft Kings' House Rules, which primarily included revisions for settlement clarifications and new language to address new market types or offerings. *A memorandum on DraftKings' request and their amended House Rules is included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 88 through 102.* Mr. Steffen briefly went through the changes and stated that after extensive review, DraftKings met the requirements and that the Sports Wagering Division recommended the approval of these House Rules changes.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the updates to DraftKings' House Rules 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.
Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

c. [Discussion of Wager Limitations by Operator Roundtable](#) (2:33:11)

Sports Wagering Business Manager Crystal Beauchemin stated that the original roundtable discussion on the topic of wager limitations took place on May 21, 2024, and while all sports wagering operators were initially slated to attend, only Bally's appeared. *A memorandum related to the wager limitation discussion is included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 103 to 105.* Ms. Beauchemin noted that since then, each operator has expressed a willingness to have a discussion with the Commission regarding this issue if it was limited to operators only. Ms. Beauchemin noted that the Commission has had individual meetings with the operators regarding this issue over the past few months.

Interim Chair Maynard stated that he hopes every operator will join the Commission in a conversation. Commissioner O'Brien agreed with this sentiment but shared concern over operators not attending past meetings due to the Commission's public meeting rules. She stated that the operators, players, and bettors should be heard. She added that instead of a roundtable discussion, this matter should be addressed in a public meeting.

Commissioner Hill noted that the Commission is flexible, and it would be beneficial to give both the operators and the bettors the opportunity to speak on the matter. Interim Chair Maynard agreed and noted that he would want the Responsible Gaming community to speak as well.

Commissioner Skinner stated that she agreed with Commissioner Hill and Commissioner O'Brien's sentiment to hear both sides. However, she noted that the operators must show up and be willing to answer the Commissioners' questions.

The conversation continued over which direction to take on this matter and what topics need to be discussed.

8. [Discussion regarding upcoming five-year expiration of Wynn Resorts, Limited and Wynn MA, LLC Independent Compliance Monitor License Condition](#) (2:53:29)

Commissioner O'Brien opened the discussion regarding the condition of the independent monitor placed on the Wynn MA, LLC license. *Part of the Commission decision discussing the imposed condition can be found in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 106 through 108.* She stated that the independent monitor had indicated that they felt Wynn had satisfied the terms of the condition and improved to the point that they could discharge any further monitoring under the contract which was set to expire on September 5th. She noted that there were two ways to address the termination of the independent monitor contract: an adjudicatory hearing during which the Commission can vote to terminate the contract early or a discussion in a public meeting regarding the Commission's satisfaction or not with the condition, after which the contract could lapse on September 5th. She indicated that should the conversation take place

today, she was satisfied that Wynn had satisfied this condition, noting that other conditions did survive the five (5) year expiration.

Commissioner Hill stated that if the Commission did nothing regarding the contract, it would be terminated September 5, 2024. Commissioner O'Brien clarified that since the independent monitor has submitted their final invoice, she does not believe there would be any further money owed by the licensee. Instead, she stated it was a matter of whether the Commission wanted to officially discharge the contract early or if the Commission would like to let it expire on its own.

A conversation ensued over which direction to take on this matter. The Commissioners concluded that they would like to acknowledge the conclusion of the independent monitoring condition publicly in meeting that coincides with the lapse of the contract on September 5th.

9. [Legal](#) (3:02:38)

- a. [205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing, specifically, 205 CMR 3.12: Judges – Discussion and Review of Regulation Amendments and Amended Small Business Impact Statement for final adoption by Commission](#) (3:02:42)

Deputy General Counsel Justin Stempeck presented the first set of amendments to 205 CMR 3.12 regarding racing judges. *A memorandum, draft of 205 CMR 3.12, a public comment received, and the Amended Small Business Impact Statement is found in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 109 to 116.*

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 3.12 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 to finalize the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

- b. [205 CMR 3.00: Harness Horse Racing, specifically, 205 CMR 3.29: Medications and Prohibited Substances – Discussion and Review of Regulation Amendments and Amended Small Business Impact Statement for final adoption by Commission](#) (3:05:30)

Mr. Stempeck presented the next proposed regulation amendments to 205 CMR 3.29 regarding medications and prohibited substances. *The documents related to the proposed changes to this regulation can be found in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 117 to 137.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 3.29 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 to finalize the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

- c. [205 CMR 6.24: Deposits – Discussion and Review of Regulation Amendments and Amended Small Business Impact Statement for final adoption by Commission](#) (3:06:58)

Mr. Stempeck presented the final racing regulation amendments to 205 CMR 6.24 regarding funding mechanisms for ADW accounts. *A memorandum, draft of 205 CMR 6.24, and the Amended Small Business Impact Statement are found in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 138 to 142.*

Commissioner O'Brien asked if this regulation was at odds with how the Legislature allows bettors to fund other accounts. Mr. Stempeck clarified that that was correct. Commissioner O'Brien stated that the Commission may want to bring this up before the Legislature to remind them that there is an inconsistency in the old horse racing statute. Mr. Stempeck agreed that this matter was worthy of future discussion.

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 6.24 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 to finalize the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

- d. [205 CMR 219.04: Applying for Leave to Obtain a Renewed Temporary License- Discussion and Review of Regulation Amendments and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process by Commission](#) (3:12:36)

Deputy General Counsel Carrie Torrisi presented proposed changes to 205 CMR 219.04 relating to sports wagering temporary license renewals. *A memorandum, draft of 205 CMR 219.04, and the Small Business Impact Statement is found in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 143 to 149.*

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 219.04 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 to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

10. [Communications Division](#) (3:15:58)

a. Review of Final Seal of Approval Design

Chief of Communications Tom Mills stated that the finalized versions of the Seal of Approval designs were ready for the Commissioners' feedback. *The designs are included in the Commissioners' Packet on page 151.*

Commissioner O'Brien stated she liked the color design and discussed how the Commission should push this change out to ensure consumers are aware.

Commissioner Skinner asked if there was anything else to consider besides aesthetics when considering the designs. Mr. Mills stated it was just a matter of a color design versus a black and white design.

A conversation ensued over the two designs and how the seal would appear on websites. Interim Chair Maynard stated he would like the color version as well.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the use of MGC seal of approval design 1, the colored version, 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.

Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

The Commission reconvened after a short break at [3:40:33](#). All four commissioners were present.

11. [Investigations and Enforcement Bureau](#) (3:49:12)

a. Security at the Casino Facilities Executive Session

Interim Chair Maynard stated that the Commission anticipated that it would meet in executive session in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(4), c.30A, §21(a)(7), and G.L. c. 4, §7(26)(f) to discuss the use and deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto at Encore Boston Harbor, MGM Springfield and Plainridge Park Casino, specifically with regard to firearms and parking garage security; to discuss investigatory materials related to MGM parking garage security, necessarily compiled out of the public view by the IEB the disclosure of which materials would probably so prejudice the possibility of effective law enforcement that such disclosure would not be in the public interest; and to review draft letters to Encore Boston Harbor, MGM Springfield, and Plainridge Park Casino related to the same subject matter outlined herein. He noted that the public session of the Commission meeting would not reconvene at the conclusion of the executive session.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission go into executive session on the matter and for the reasons just stated by the chair. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

12. [Legal](#) (3:51:58)

Interim Chair Maynard further stated that the Commission anticipated that it would meet in an executive session to review minutes from previous executive sessions, as their discussion at an open meeting may frustrate the intended purpose for which the executive sessions were convened pursuant to: G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(4), c. 30A, §21(a)(7), and G.L. c. 4, §7(26)(f):

I. March, 10, 2023

II. November 20, 2023

III. February 15, 2024

IV. July 11, 2024

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission go into executive session to review the executive session minutes for the four dates stated by the chair and because discussing them in public would frustrate the intended purpose for the executive session for which those were convened. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Interim Chair Maynard: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

13. [Commissioner Updates](#) (3:43:21)

Transcriber's Note: Commissioner Updates were shared before items 11 and 12 on the agenda.

Interim Chair Maynard stated that he attended the National Conference on Problem Gambling. He noted he spoke on a panel that was entitled a "Regulator's Role in Keeping Sports Betting Fun" in which he was joined by regulators from New Jersey and Ohio. He also stated he attended trainings on LGBTQ+ issues and gambling disorders as well as a panel on underground college student gambling behavior. He noted he was appreciative that he got to attend and share the work that the Commission was doing.

Commissioner O'Brien shared that she spoke on a Responsible Gaming panel in Pittsburgh regarding the online spaces of gambling.

Seeing and hearing no other business, the Commission entered the executive session.

Transcriber's Note: The Commission did not reconvene the public meeting session.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#) dated August 1, 2024
2. [Commissioners' Packet](#) from the August 1, 2024, meeting (posted on massgaming.com)