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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** August 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: +1-213-631-9908  
PHONE CONFERENCE ID: 454 711 710#

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 (08:30)

Chair Maynard called to order the 595<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five Commissioners were present for the meeting.

#### 2. Sports Wagering Division (09:20)

- a. Petition by DraftKings to add TT Elite Series to the Event Catalog pursuant to 205 CMR 247.03(1)

Sports Wagering Compliance and Operations Manager Andrew Steffen presented a petition from DraftKings to add TT Elite Series to the Sports Wagering Event Catalog pursuant to 205 CMR 247.03(1). *A memorandum and DraftKings' petition were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 3 through 16.*

Commissioner Brodeur stated that he felt comfortable restoring this event to the Sports Wagering Event Catalog and thanked the Sports Wagering Division for the thoroughness of review regarding integrity concerns. Chair Maynard agreed, stating that such events should be available through regulated sports wagering operators where consumer protections are available.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission amend the Official Catalog of Events and Wagers to add TT Elite Series, 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.*

b. Updates to Penn Sports Interactive House Rules (19:47)

Manager Steffen presented proposed updates to Penn Sports Interactive d/b/a theScore Bet's ("PSI") house rules. *A memorandum and PSI's updated house rules were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 17 through 19.*

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the updates to Penn Sports Interactive's 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.*

*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*

*Chair Maynard: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

3. Research and Responsible Gaming (22:16)

a. Equity Audit: Follow-Up from the Asian CARES Study

Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden explained that one of the findings of the Asian CARES Study was a belief that the casino strategizes its advertising and bussing in a way that leads to addiction. He noted that the study prompted the funding of an equity audit regarding the Asian community to determine whether the casinos engaged in predatory practices. He stated that this audit, the scope of which is to analyze equity and ethical concerns related to the use of buses by the casinos, was included in the FY27 research agenda. He indicated that the audit would be based on community-led research and that a request for response ("RFR") was released on July 1, 2026. *A memorandum regarding the Asian CARES Study equity audit was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 35 through 36.*

Director Vander Linden explained that the Commission ensures that its programs offer culturally and linguistically appropriate materials. He noted that all PlayWell brochures were translated

into a wide range of languages including traditional Chinese, simplified Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, and English. He further noted that the PlayWell website is available in Arabic, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, and Portuguese. He stated that the PlayWell advisors also speak a wide range of languages. He stated that the Commission strives to enhance support for communities and mitigate gambling related harm.

Chair Maynard stated that funding for the equity audit would help ensure that the Commission serves the Asian community and other communities as the Commission has a commitment to responsible gaming and gaming health. He stated that the Commission wants to create a safer place to gamble, while understanding that there is inherent risk in gambling.

Commissioner Skinner noted that the Asian CARES study had other recommendations that the Commission had worked to advance which she would like to discuss in the near future.

Commissioner Brodeur stated that responsible gaming and gaming health are evolving topics and that the Commission's knowledge will continue to improve with the evolving marketplace. He stated that the Commission would continue to research and take action when appropriate.

b. [PlayWell Fiscal Year 2026 Fourth Quarter presentation by the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health \(MACGH\)](#) (30:23)

The Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health ("MACGH") Director of PlayWell Operations Ray Fluette, MGM Springfield's ("MGM") PlayWell Manager Aisha Shambley, Encore Boston Harbor's ("EBH") PlayWell Manager Jason DiCarlo, Plainridge Park Casino's ("PPC") PlayWell Manager Jolyn Barreuther, and MACGH's Director of Recovery Services Jodie Neally presented PlayWell's FY26 Q4 quarterly report, with topics including the following: interactions, voluntary self-exclusion, a secret shopper audit, and Champion Awards. *The PlayWell quarterly report presentation was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 20 through 34.*

4. [Legal Division](#) (56:22)

a. 205 CMR 238.33: Prohibited Persons – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process

Deputy General Counsel Jenna Hentoff presented a proposed amendment to 205 CMR 238.33 for initial review. *A memorandum, the redline draft of 205 CMR 238.33, and Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 37 through 40.*

Commissioner Brodeur asked whether the purpose of the amendment was to give operators clear direction regarding where to place funds confiscated as part of this process. Deputy General Counsel Hentoff confirmed that the amendment was intended to provide clarity to the operators regarding where the funds arising from wagering by prohibited persons should be deposited.

Commissioner Skinner explained that she understood the amended language was intended to be consistent with other regulatory language but that she believed that the language was ambiguous.

She stated that the phrases “in a lawful manner” and “reasonable” should be clarified throughout the regulations to clarify expectations.

Commissioner O’Brien noted that the language was elsewhere in the regulations. She asked the Legal Division to update the Commission regarding any guidance on this issue or questions received from operators or patrons. Commissioner Skinner asked the Legal Division to develop a recommendation to help clarify the language. She stated that the Commission would benefit from having a clearer understanding of the terms used and know whether it would be reasonable to claw back funds. Chair Maynard stated that the amendment was to ensure language was consistent, but if there was a problem with the practicality of the language, the phrasing would have to be changed in each regulation. He stated that it would be beneficial to know who collects the money and if improvements could be made in that process. Deputy General Counsel Hentoff stated that she would follow up with the Commission regarding additional clarifying language.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 238.33 as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and discussed here today, and further that staff be authorized to take steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin 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. 205 CMR 256.06: Advertising to Other Vulnerable Persons – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Amended Small Business Impact Statement for Final Review and Adoption (1:05:41)

Staff Attorney Autumn Birarelli presented a proposed amendment to 205 CMR 256.06 for final review and adoption. *A memorandum, the redline draft of 205 CMR 256.06, and the Amended Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners’ Packet on pages 41 through 46.*

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 256.06 as included in the Commissioners’ Packet and discussed here today, and further that staff be authorized to take steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, William Francis Galvin, 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.*  
*Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.*  
*Chair Maynard: Aye.*  
*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

5. [Commissioner Updates](#) (1:08:32)

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

6. [Other Business](#) (1:08:38)

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

Commissioner Brodeur moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Skinner.

*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 August 11, 2026.](#)
2. [Commissioners' Packet from the August 13, 2026, meeting](#) (posted on massgaming.com).