



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 2, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 111 533 1502

Call to Order

Chair Judd-Stein called to order Agenda Setting Meeting #150 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”).

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

*Chair Cathy Judd-Stein
Commissioner Eileen O’Brien
Commissioner Bradford R. Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Jordan Maynard*

Approval of Meeting Minutes

(a) July 12, 2023

Commissioner Maynard moved to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2023 agenda setting meeting included in the Commissioners’ packet subject to any necessary corrections for typographical errors or other non-material matters. Commissioner Skinner seconded.

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>
<i>Commissioner Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>
<i>Chair Judd-Stein</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

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

Items For Public Meeting – August 8, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Interim Executive Director and General Counsel Todd Grossman confirmed this agenda item.

Item #2 – Minutes – *This agenda item was not discussed.*

Item #3 – Sports Wagering – Sports Wagering Business Manager Crystal Beauchemin confirmed that BetMGM’s waiver is due to expire on August 10, 2023 and they would like to request an extension from the Commission.

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Carrie Torrisi confirmed the Legal Division would bring forward 205 CMR 138, 205 CMR 238, 205 CMR 247, 205 CMR 248, and 205 CMR 257 for the Commission’s review.

Items For Public Meeting – August 17, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Item #5 – Administrative Update – Interim Executive Director and General Counsel Grossman confirmed this agenda item.

Item #6 – Meeting Minutes – *This agenda item was not discussed.*

Item #7 – Legislative Update – Chair-Judd-Stein confirmed this would be a standing agenda item.

Item #8 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Caitlin Monahan confirmed the Legal Division would like to hold this agenda item for this meeting to address any rollover regulations.

Item #9 – Sports Wagering: Quarterly Reports – Director of Sports Wagering Division Bruce Band confirmed the Sports Wagering Division would have two house rules and two events to discuss with the Commission. Manager Beauchemin also confirmed the quarterly reports would be discussed during this public meeting.

Item #10 – Anticipated Executive Session re Security Strategies: IEB, GEU, and Casino Licensees – Investigations & Enforcement Bureau Director Loretta Lillios confirmed the parties would make themselves available for the Commission.

Item #11 – Ad Hoc Research Agenda Item – Research Manager Dr. Bonnie Andrews confirmed that the Research and Responsible Gaming Division would present potential topics for an economic ad hoc report for FY24, host a discussion, and ask for a vote on which topic the

Commission would like that report to focus on. Dr. Andrews also requested this agenda item be scheduled towards the beginning of the meeting to accommodate external visitors.

Item #12 – Discussion/Vote on Interim IEB Director – Chair Judd-Stein confirmed this agenda item.

Item #13 – Executive Director Search: Screening Committee Vote Continued Search Firm Discussion - Chair Judd-Stein confirmed this agenda item.

Add-On Item – Casino Updates – Director Lillios confirmed that Gaming Agents Division Chief Burke Cain would be available to provide a casino update, specifically updates on the DOR intercepts.

Add-On Item – Use of Community Mitigation Funds – Community Affairs Division Senior Program Manager Mary Thurlow confirmed that one of the Community Mitigation Fund recipients would like to request to change the use of their funds, which needs to come before the Commission for approval. Chair Judd-Stein confirmed this agenda item would be discussed at another future meeting date besides August 17, 2023.

Items For Public Meeting – August 24, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Item #14 – Administrative Update – Interim Executive Director and General Counsel Grossman confirmed he will not provide an administrative update on this date. Chief Cain confirmed he can provide the casino update on this date.

Item #15 – Meeting Minutes – Chair Judd-Stein confirmed this agenda item.

Item #16 – Legislative Update – Chair Judd-Stein confirmed this agenda item.

Item #17 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Torrasi confirmed the Legal Division would bring forward two regulations for the Commission’s review.

Item #18 – Sports Wagering – Director Band requested to keep this agenda item as he anticipates having house rules on this date. Manager Beauchemin confirmed she would present four of the quarterly reports on August 17, two on August 24, and two on September 7.

Item #19 – Continued CMF Process Discussion and Vote – Senior Programs Manager Thurlow confirmed this agenda item on behalf of the Community Affairs Division.

Item #20 – PPC Floor Expansion – Director Lillios confirmed this is for the opening of the new sportsbook and that the Commission would need to approve that area because it’s being converted to a gaming area. Director Lillios also confirmed there may be a related beverage licensing amendment needed. Chair Judd-Stein confirmed that Legal will remind the Commission of the standards for this.

Item #21 – Quarterly Reports – Encore & PPC – Senior Programs Manager Thurlow confirmed the Community Affairs Division will present two quarterly reports.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #22 – ILEV Review Process – Commissioner Hill requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #23 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O’Brien requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #24 – HCA Compliance Update (All Properties) – Commissioner Skinner requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #25 – Request to Escrow RHDF - Vote – Director of the Racing Division Dr. Alexandra Lightbown and Associate General Counsel Judith Young requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #26 – 90 Day Audit – Director Band requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #27 – Delegation of Authority – Vote – Commissioner Maynard requested to put this agenda item on the September 7, 2023 public meeting.

Item #28 – Economic Impact Reports – Research Manager Dr. Andrews confirmed that the reports would be presented across two different public meetings.

Item #29 – Requests from PPC (5) – Director Lightbown requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #30 – Bet Restriction by Operator – Director Band requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #31 – Cashless Wagering - PPC – Director Lillios requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Item #32 – Racing Application - Vote – Director Lightbown and Associate General Counsel Young requested to keep this agenda item under review.

Add-On Item – Race Horse Fund Benefits for Drivers and Jockeys – Director Lightbown requested to discuss this issue during the September 7, 2023 public meeting.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of Meeting & Agenda, dated August 2, 2023
2. Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes, dated July 12, 2023

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

August 8 (Public)
August 16 (Agenda)
August 17 (Public)
August 18 (Adjudicatory)
August 24 (Public)
August 30 (Agenda)
September 7 (Public)
September 13 (Agenda)
September 21 (Public)
September 27 (Agenda)