



Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Agenda Setting
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 22, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 111 190 0761

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.

1. Call to Order

Interim Chair Jordan Maynard called to order Agenda Setting Meeting #175 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”) at 10:02AM.

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

*Interim Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O’Brien
Commissioner Bradford R. Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner*

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. July 24, 2024

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the agenda setting minutes from the July 24, 2024, meeting, as included in the Commissioners Packet, subject to necessary edits for typographical errors and 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>
<i>Interim Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

3. 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 29, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa noted that this item could be removed from the public meeting agenda.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed that four sets of public meeting minutes would come forward at the August 29th meeting.

Item #3 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Torrisi stated that no regulations would be brought forward on August 29, 2024.

Item #4 – Sports Wagering – Compliance Manager Andrew Steffen confirmed three items, house rule amendments from Fan Duel, Bet MGM, and MGM Springfield. He estimated 30 minutes for discussion.

Item #5 – Recognition of the Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts – Director of Racing, Dr. Alexandra Lightbown confirmed the presentation for recognition of the Standardbred Owners of Massachusetts for the August 29, 2024, public meeting.

Add-on Item – Racing Division – Racing Renewal Application Form – Dr. Lightbown requested an item for Commissioners’ review and approval of the updated racing application for the 2025 racing season.

Item #6 – Responsible Gaming – 2023 Online Panel Survey – Director of the Research and Responsible Gaming Division, Mark Vander Linden confirmed that this item was ready for presentation.

Add-on Item – Responsible Gaming Education Month – Director Vander Linden also requested a short segment to introduce Responsible Gaming Education Month, that occurs nationally every September.

Item #7 – Multi-Factorial Authentication Regulation (Ohio Example) – Deputy General Counsel Torrisi confirmed this item for the August 29, 2024, meeting. She estimated 30 minutes for discussion.

Item #8 – Independent Monitor Wrap Up – General Counsel Grossman confirmed this item, and discussed the conditions placed on the Licensee. He noted that the Commission reserved the right to impose any of the conditions recommended by the Independent Monitor in their initial report. He stated that the discussion would discuss the conditions but clarified that an adjudicatory hearing would be required if the Commission agreed to place conditions upon the Licensee.

Items For Public Meeting – September 12, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Item #3 – Regulations – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Add-on Item – IEB – Non-Compliance Matter – Chief Enforcement Counsel Kathleen Kramer requested an agenda item for the Commission’s review of a sports wagering non-compliance matter.

Items For Public Meeting – September 26, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Item #3 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman and Deputy General Counsel Torrisi confirmed that a final draft of 205 CMR 219.04 would come forward for a vote of final adoption on September 26, 2024.

Item #4– Sports Wagering – Business Manager Beauchemin confirmed that a report on compliance updates would come forward for review and discussion before the Commission on September 26, 2024.

Item #5 – Licensee Diversity Audit – Commissioner Skinner confirmed that this item would go forward at the September 26, 2024, public meeting.

Add-on Item – Community Mitigation Fund – Chief of the Community Affairs Division, Joe Delaney requested an agenda item for discussion of the draft Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines for 2025. He estimated an hour for the discussion.

Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

Item #1 – Compliance Committee – Commissioner O’Brien requested that this agenda item would remain under review.

Item #2 – HCA Compliance Update (All Properties) – Chief Delaney requested that this item remain under review.

Item #3 – EBH – East Broadway; Process & Ultimate Action – Chief Delaney confirmed that this agenda item would remain under review.

Item #4 – DPH Report – Equity Pillars & Problem Gambling – Commissioner O’Brien confirmed that this item would remain under review. She anticipated that a discussion would occur at a public meeting in October.

Item # 5 – Procurement Threshold Discussion– Executive Director Serpa confirmed that this item would remain under review.

Item #6 – Discussion of Illegal Markets – Commissioner Skinner stated that this item would remain under review.

Item #7 – Review of Potential Partnership with GamBan – Director Vander Linden stated that this item will remain under review.

Item #8 – Sports Wagering Kiosk Report – Research and Responsible Gaming Division – Director Vander Linden confirmed that this item would remain under review.

Add-on Item – Integrated Report from the SEIGMA Team – Director Vander Linden requested this item be added under review until it was ready for discussion at a public meeting.

Item #9 – Bally’s 90 Day Audit – IT Division – Compliance Manager Tavares anticipated that this item would be ready for presentation in mid-October.

Add-on Item – MGC Seal Implementation Plan – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck requested that this item would be placed under review for the time being but stated that it would come forward for discussion before the Commission, once the seal was ready to be implemented.

4. Commissioner Updates

Commissioners had no updates to share at this meeting.

5. Other Business

Having no further business, Commissioner Hill moved to adjourn. 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>
<i>Interim Chair Maynard</i>	<i>Aye.</i>

The motion passed unanimously 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting & Agenda](#), dated August 20, 2024
2. Agenda Setting Minutes, dated July 24, 2024

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

August 29 (Public)
September 4 (Agenda Setting)
September 12 (Public)
September 18 (Agenda Setting)
September 18 (Public)
September 19 (Adjudicatory Hearing)
September 26 (Public)
September 27 (Adjudicatory Hearing)

PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE * Subject to Change

October 2 (Agenda Setting)
October 10 (Public)
October 16 (Agenda Setting)
October 24 (Public)
October 29 (Agenda Setting)