



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: August 5, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5293
PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 335 8901

Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Bruce Band
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Trupti Banda
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	Katrina Jagroop-Gomes
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Derek Lennon
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Jill Griffin
Karen Wells	Loretta Lillios
Todd Grossman	Chad Bourque
Mark Vander Linden	Alexandra Lightbown
Joe Delaney	Sarah Magazine

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 82nd Agenda-Setting meeting. Given the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the global Coronavirus pandemic, Governor Charles Baker issued an order to provide limited relief from certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law to protect the health and safety of individuals interested in attending public meetings. In keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission will conduct a public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

The Chair confirmed a quorum for the meeting by Roll Call:
Commissioner Cameron: Aye.
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.
Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

Approval of Minutes

10:00 a.m. *Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of July 22, 2020, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion.*

Roll call vote:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.

Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on August 13th)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ms. Wells will have an administrative update. Mr. Delaney asked that a review of the Plainridge Park Casino (PPC) license renewal timeline be part of this update. He added that a hearing should be scheduled on a Wednesday for the PPC license renewal.

Item #2 – Regulations. There are three regulations that will be up for approval at the August 27th Commission meeting. There will be a 30-minute public regulation hearing at 9:30 a.m. on these regulations prior to that Commission meeting. If the regulations require additional time for public comments, the hearing can be suspended.

Item #3 – Racing Local Aid Payment. This item will be ready for a vote, with Chad Bourque presenting.

Item #4 – Commission Election of Secretary/Treasurer. This item will be ready for further action by the Commission.

Item #5 – Preliminary Equity & Inclusion Working Group Update. The Chair will introduce this item, and the charter will be introduced. The working group will develop a workplan and implement it agency-wide.

Added Item: Update on Independent Monitor Administrative Matters.

(Potential Commission Meeting on August 27th)

Item #6 – Risk Officer Designation. The Commission will discuss this process going forward. Each agency head designates a risk officer, and the Commissioners will consider designating someone who is not part of management for this role.

Item #7 – Compliance Items Update. Ms. Wells will present this item, in conjunction with item #6.

Item #8 – Horse Racing Committee - Split. Dr. Lightbown stated that this item will be ready for a vote. Mr. Grossman will be presenting.

Added Item: Casino Qualifier – Ms. Lillios will present a new casino qualifier for approval.

Added Item: Commissioner Zuniga would like to do a legislative update on 8/13 regarding the legislature that did not go through regarding sports betting. Mr. Grossman will continue to monitor legislation and the budget process.

*There will tentatively be an Executive Session on August 27th, with three items up for discussion.

(No Potential Commission Meeting for September 10th)

(Potential Commission Meeting on September 24th)

Item #9 – Licensee Quarterly Reports. This item is a discussion concerning content of quarterly reports, moving forward, and will be ready to present.

Item # 10 – Budget Update End of Fiscal Year. This update will be ready to present.

(Under Review)

Item # 11 – Regulations for Use of Community Mitigation Fund. This item is in process and will remain under review at this time.

Item # 12 – Executive Director Search Update. This will likely be on the agenda in September for an update. There will be an upcoming update on survey results, likely in early September.

Item # 13 – Juvenile Records Review Update. This item will remain under review at this time.

Item # 14 – PPC Re-Licensing Status. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled on September 16th, with a tentative discussion at the public meeting on September 30th. Mr. Delaney is working on inviting town managers to speak on behalf of their communities at the public hearing. The September 30th Commission meeting may start early to avoid a scheduling conflict with Public Health Trust Fund Meeting.

Item # 15 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics Update. This item will remain under review at this time.

Item # 16 – Status Update – Independent Directors Gaming Vendor Primary. This item will remain under review at this time.

Item # 17 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Promotional Fund Consideration. This item will remain under review at this time.

Item # 18 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. this item will remain under review at this time.

Item #19 – Annual Report – Draft Review. This item will remain under review at this time.

10:51 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Stebbins made a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.
Roll call vote:
Commissioner Cameron: Aye.
Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.
Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated August 5, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes
3. Meeting Minutes of the July 22, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary