



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 1, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5293
MEETING ID: 112 866 3087

Given the unprecedented circumstances, 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 the public and individuals interested in attending public meetings during the global Coronavirus pandemic. In keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission conducted this public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology.

Call to Order

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order agenda setting meeting #107 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”).

The Chair confirmed a quorum for the meeting with a Roll Call. The following Commissioners were present:

*Commissioner Cameron
Commissioner O’Brien
Commissioner Zuniga
Chair Judd-Stein*

Approval of Agenda Setting Minutes

Commissioner O’Brien moved to approve agenda setting meeting minutes from August 4, 2021, subject to correction for typographical errors and other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

*Commissioner Cameron Aye
Commissioner O’Brien Aye
Commissioner Zuniga Aye
Chair Judd-Stein Aye*

The motion passed unanimously.

Before Chair Judd- Stein began with the agenda, she brought up Ms. Lillios who provided staffing updates.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting scheduled for September 9, 2021, and subsequent meetings as described in the attached agenda planning notes, as follows:

Item #1 – Administrative Update- Executive Director Wells stated that she had two matters to present before the Commission: (1) The onsite casino update from Assistant IEB Director and Gaming Agents Chief Bruce Band, and IEB Director Loretta Lillios; and (2) Return to work update.

Item #2 – Regulations- General Counsel Grossman indicated there is one item to be brought before the Commission regarding permitting the gaming licensees to bring in staff from sister properties for a limited time period for training and similar purposes.

Item #3 – Legislative Updates- There were no legislative updates to address.

Item #4 – Racehorse Development Benefits for Drivers and Jockeys – Dr. Lightbown stated that this item is ready to go.

Item #5 – Gambling Harms & the Prevention Paradox in MA (SEIGMA Team) – Director Vander Linden would like to move this item to the October 7 meeting.

Item #6- CMF – Reserve Applications Review – Chief Delaney would like to move this item to the September 23rd meeting as well as add a discussion of community mitigation policy.

Item #7 – MAGIC Report Discussion – Director Vander Linden would like to move this item to the September 23rd meeting

Add-on- Director Vander Linden wanted to add three updates: Play My Way, Public Health Trust Fund and Addiction Sub-Committee update.

Future meetings

Item #8- Independent Monitor Update – Chair Judd- Stein stated they would be all set for this item for the September 23rd meeting.

Item #9- Financial Update –Gaming Position – First Quarter Spending– Mr. O’Donnell stated this item will be ready for September 23rd meeting.

Item #10 – Suitability Review Process – Director Lillios would like to keep this item under review.

Item #11- CMF Guidelines- Chief Delaney stated he would like to have this item ready for the October 21, meeting.

Item #12 – Responsible Gaming Framework Follow-Up – Director Vander Linden stated this item is still under review.

Item #13 –Review of Assessment of Civil Administrative Penalties– Diretor Lillios will keep this item under review.

Item #14 -. ILEV Review Process – Commissioner Zuniga stated this item is still under review.

Item #15- MGM REIT Interim Authorizations – Director Lillios stated that the IEB should be ready by the late October meeting and that a special meeting might be important.

Item #16- Hiring Authority – Chair Judd- Stein stated this item should stay under review.

Add-on- Chair Judd- Stein asked Commissioner Cameron if she would give one last update at the September 9th meeting about the upcoming conference.

Having no further business, Commissioner Cameron moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated August 30, 2021.
2. Draft Commission Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2021