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**Massachusetts Gaming Commission**  
**Agenda Setting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Date/Time:** September 18, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. EST

**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292  
MEETING ID: 111 585 4081

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**

In Chair Maynard’s absence, Commissioner Eileen O’Brien called to order Agenda Setting Meeting #177 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”).

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

*Commissioner Eileen O’Brien*  
*Commissioner Bradford R. Hill*  
*Commissioner Nakisha Skinner*

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. August 22, 2024
- b. September 4, 2024

Commissioner Skinner moved to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2024 and September 4, 2024 agenda setting meetings, subject to necessary edits for typographical errors or non-material matters. Commissioner Hill 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>

*The motion passed unanimously 3-0.*

### **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 – September 26, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST**

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa confirmed this item.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed four sets of minutes for the September 26, 2024, meeting: December 20, 2022; August 24, 2023; October 2, 2023; and November 16, 2023.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill stated that this item would not be included on the September 26<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Item #4 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman confirmed that a final draft of 205 CMR 219.04 and amended small business impact statement would come forward for a vote of final adoption on September 26, 2024.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Compliance Update Reports – Business Manager Beauchemin requested that the compliance update reports be moved to under review to go forward at a later time.

Add-on Item – Sports Wagering – Compliance Manager Steffen requested an agenda item for the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss House Rules updates, and an update to the Sports Wagering Event Catalogue.

Item #6 – Licensee Diversity Audit – Commissioner Skinner confirmed that this item was ready to go forward at the September 26, 2024 public meeting.

Item #7 – Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines – Chief of the Community Affairs Division, Joe Delaney confirmed discussion of the draft Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines for 2025 on September 26, 2024.

Item #8 – IEB – Non-Compliance Matters – IEB Director Monahan requested an agenda item to provide an update to the Commission regarding discussion of two sports wagering non-compliance matters.

Add-on Item – Research and Responsible Gaming – Section 97 Update – Director Vander Linden requested an agenda item for discussion of the Division’s collection of player data for an upcoming research project.

Add-on Item – IEB – Change of PPC Sportsbook Name – IEB Director Monahan requested a brief agenda item for the discussion of the name change to the PPC Sportsbook.

Add-on Item – Legal Division and IEB – Public Safety Executive Session – General Counsel Grossman requested an executive session to discuss a request from a gaming licensee in response to a recent public safety initiative by the Commission.

### Items For Public Meeting – October 10, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa confirmed this item.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed this item.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill noted that this agenda item would not go forward on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Item #4 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Torrisi stated that no regulations were anticipated at this date but noted that this item would be updated at a future agenda setting meeting.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Compliance Manager Steffen requested an agenda item on a Void Request from an Operator.

Item #6 – Community Mitigation Fund – Reappointment of Local Advisory Committee and Subcommittee Members – Chief Delaney confirmed this item for the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Item #7 – HOLD: Continued Discussion of Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines – Chief Delaney confirmed this item for the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in case there needs to be additional discussion of the Proposed 2025 Guidelines for the Community Mitigation Fund.

Item #8 – Finance Division – FY25 Quarterly Budget Update and FY24 Close Out Budget Report – CFAO Lennon confirmed agenda items for discussion of the First Quarter Budget for FY 2025, as well as discussion of the Close Out Budget Report on the FY 2024 Budget.

Item #9 – Responsible Gaming – Kiosk Study Report – Director Vander Linden confirmed that this item was ready for presentation and added that a memorandum on the report would also be provided to Commissioners.

Item #10 – GameSense Quarterly Report – Director Vander Linden confirmed that a GameSense quarterly report would be given at the October 10, 2024, public meeting.

Add-on Item – PPC License Renewal Procedure Discussion – Chief Delaney requested an agenda item for the discussion of the protocols and procedures related to the renewal of the PPC Gaming License.

### Items For Public Meeting – October 24, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Prior to discussion of the below agenda items, Commissioner Skinner noted that she would not be available on this date and requested that be considered as the agenda develops for the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

Item #1 – Administrative Update – This item was confirmed by Executive Director Serpa.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner requested that this item be removed as she would not be present at this meeting.

Item #3 – Legislative Update – Commissioner Hill noted that this agenda item would not be necessary.

Item #3 – Regulations – General Counsel Grossman noted that no regulations were anticipated but confirmed that an update would be provided at the next agenda setting meeting.

Item #4 – Sports Wagering – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Add-on Item – Integrated Report from the SEIGMA Team – Director Vander Linden requested this item be added to the October 24, 2024 meeting agenda.

#### Items Under Review for Future Meetings:

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

Item #2 – HCA Compliance Update (All Properties) – Commissioner Skinner and Chief Delaney confirmed that this item would remain under review.

Item #3 – EBH – East Broadway; Process & Ultimate Action – Chief Delaney confirmed that this agenda item would remain under review, so that the Commission remain abreast of the project’s status.

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 November.

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

Item #6 – Discussion of Illegal Markets – Commissioner O’Brien and Commissioner Skinner confirmed that this item would remain under review.

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

Item #8 – Bally’s 90 Day Audit – IT Division – Compliance Manager Tavares requested that this item remain under review.

Item #9– 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 #10– MGC Seal of Approval Roll Out Plan – Deputy General Counsel Stempeck requested that this item remain under review.

Add-on Item – Responsible Gaming Framework Discussion – Director Vander Linden requested that this item remain under review.

Add-on Item – License Renewal Process PPC – Commissioner O’Brien requested that in advance of the renewal of the PPC’s Gaming License that Commission staff begin internal discussions as to what materials and submissions would be required as a part of the 2025 License Renewal Process.

Add-on Item – MGM Springfield – Multi-year Cap-ex Plan – Chief Delaney requested an agenda item for discussion of the request from MGM Springfield for a multi-year capital expenditure plan.

Add-on Item – Early Economic Impacts of Sports Betting in the Commonwealth – Director Vander Linden requested that this item be placed under review until finalized.

Add-on Item – Limiting Discussion Follow-up – Commissioner Skinner requested a follow up discussion regarding the Wagering Limitation Roundtable.

#### **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 Skinner seconded the motion.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Commissioner O’Brien           Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill               Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner         Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously 3-0. Meeting adjourned.*

#### **List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. [Notice of Meeting & Agenda](#), dated September 16, 2024
2. August 22, 2024, Agenda Setting Minutes

3. September 4, 2024, Agenda Setting Minutes

**FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:**

- September 18 (Public)
- September 19 (Adjudicatory Hearing)
- September 26 (Public)
- September 27 (Adjudicatory Hearing)
- October 2 (Agenda Setting)
- October 2 (Public)
- October 10 (Public)
- October 16 (Agenda Setting)
- October 24 (Public)
- October 31 (Agenda Setting)