



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 2, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 112 512 3572

Present:

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

Absent: Commissioner Eileen O'Brien

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 84th 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 Zuniga: Aye.

Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

Approval of Minutes

10:05 a.m. *Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of August 19, 2020, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion. Roll call vote:*

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.
Commissioner Zuniga: Aye.
Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.
Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.
The motion passed 4 - 0.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on September 10th)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ms. Wells will have an administrative update of what is going on at the casinos. Telework, operations (Chair's suggestion). Karen will work with Bruce Band and Loretta Lillios on the casino update.

Item #2 – Regulations. There are no regulations up for approval at this time.

Item #3 – Internal Control Officer Designation. This item will be rescheduled to the September 24th Commission meeting.

Item #4 – Casino Qualifier (Encore). This item will be removed from the agenda.

Item #5 – GameSense Update. Mr. Vander Linden will have this and Item #6 ready to present together. The following week is Responsible Gaming Education week so that will also be discussed. GameSense Advisors will also be present to speak.

Item #6 – Responsible Gaming Impact Report Update. See above.

Item #7 – Executive Director Informal Interview. Commissioner Zuniga will describe the hiring process for this position. There will be questions and answers, and Ms. Wells will make an opening statement. Ms. Banda will reach out to Commissioners if they have specific topics for Ms. Wells to address. There will possibly be a vote. The Commission will need to talk about the evaluation process in the future as well. Compensation will also be addressed with a possible vote.

Item #8 – E.B.H. Construction Diversity Close-Out. Ms. Griffin will have this item ready to present, and this will be placed ahead of the Responsible Gaming items. Encore will be presenting their final construction diversity numbers. Ms. Griffin will check to see if this can be presented at the September 24th Commission meeting. She will also be making a presentation regarding the Commission's Access and Opportunity Committee, to thank them for their service and recognize each member of the committee.

*Acknowledgements for Finance & Budget Office Manager Agnes Beaulieu's retirement will take place at the September 10th Commission meeting.

(Potential Commission Meeting for September 16th)

Item #9 – P.P.C. Re-Licensing Public Hearing. This item will be ready to present.

(Potential Commission Meeting for September 24th)

Item # 10 – Licensee Quarterly Reports. Mr. Delaney said he will split this into an A and B presentation of reports for Q1 and Q2 and then review of the report format itself. Reports will be distributed before the meeting. Section B is to discuss what the information will look like as we advance.

Item # 11 – Budget Update End of Fiscal Year. Mr. Lennon will have this item ready to present.

Item # 12 – Update Section 97 – Data Report. Mr. Vander Linden will have this item ready to present.

Item # 13 – P.P.C. Re-Licensing Status. Program Manager Mary Thurlow stated that this item should be ready to present, once LCMAC appointments are reaffirmed.

(Potential Commission Meeting for September 30th)

Item # 14 – Plainridge Park Re-Licensing Status. This item will be ready to present. There will probably be ½ dozen presentations per Mr. Delaney. This will immediately follow the agenda-setting meeting on that day.

(Under Review)

Item # 15 – Regulations for Use of Community Mitigation Fund. This item is in progress. An update should be forthcoming in the coming weeks, per Mr. Grossman. The Chair would like to vote on this at the October 8th Commission meeting.

Item # 16 – Juvenile Records Review Update. This item is in progress, with a target of early November.

Item # 17 – Review of M.G.C. Enhanced Code of Ethics Update. This item will remain under review at this time.

Item #18 – Status Update – Independent Directors Gaming Vendor Primary. This item will remain under review at this time.

Item #19 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Promotional Consideration. This item will remain under review at this time. There could be an item B general update on Commonwealth racing for Dr. Lightbown to update at a future meeting.

Item #20 – Annual Report – DRAFT Review. This item will remain under review at this time.

Added Item: SEIGMA Research Update. October 14th Commission meeting - This will be a two-hour meeting that looks at M.G.M. Springfield's first two years of operations, highlighting the community's follow-up targeted survey regarding problem gambling.

10:55 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 Zuniga: Aye.

Commissioner Stebbins: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed 4-0.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated September 2, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes
3. Meeting Minutes of the August 19, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary