



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 29, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 112 136 3594

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 #108 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 Hill
Chair Judd-Stein*

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

The Commission discussed the anticipated agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting scheduled for October 7, 2021, and subsequent meetings as described in the attached agenda planning notes, as follows:

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

Item #2 – Regulations- General Counsel Todd Grossman indicated there is one item to be brought before the Commission as described as item five on the agenda. Associate General Counsel Carrie Torrisi stated this proposed regulation would allow gaming establishments to bring in staff from sister properties for a limited time period for training and similar purposes without requiring licensure and that this item will be ready for the next meeting.

Item #3 – Legislative Updates- Ms. Howard stated there was nothing to update for Legislative updates.

Item #4 – CMF Process and CMF Policy Memo Discussion – Chief Joe Delaney stated that he had the following Community Mitigation Fund-related items to add to the agenda: (1) the annual appointment of sub-committee members as well as picking a representative from the Commission to be on the sub-committee; (2) a request from DCR to repurpose funds from pervious grants to finish the design of the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the Mystic River. Chief Delaney stated that he plans to have these items ready for the October 7th meeting.

Item #5 – 205 CMR 134.01 Exemption of Staff from Sister Properties – This item was discussed as item #2.

Item #6- MAGIC Report Discussion – Director Mark Vander Linden stated this item is all set for the upcoming Commission meeting.

Item #7 – Gambling Harms & the Prevention Paradox in MA (SEIGMA Team) – Director Vander Linden would like to move this item to the November 4th meeting

Chair Judd-Stein stated that she would like an update on equity and inclusion.

Future meetings

Item #8- CMF Guidelines – Chief Delaney stated this item should be ready by the October 21st Commission meeting.

Add-on- Director Vander Linden stated that he would like to provide an update on GameSense and a Springfield Commercial real estate report by the SEIGMA Team that should be ready for the October 21st meeting.

Item #9- MGM REIT Interim Authorizations- Director Lillios suggested that this item have its own meeting suggested the date of October 26th 2021.

Item #10 – Suitability Review Process – Director Lillios would like to keep this item under review for now but there may be a possibility this item maybe ready for the October 21st meeting.

Add-on- Dr. Alexandra Lightbown stated that the racing applications for live racing for next year are due on September 30th, 2021, and the Commission needs to vote on those applications on or

by November 15th, 2021, so she would like to add this item to the November 4th Commission meeting.

Item #11- Responsible Gaming Framework Follow-Up - Chief Delaney stated he would like to have this item ready for the October 21st meeting.

Item #12 – Review of Casino Non-Compliance Penalties– Director Lillios stated that she would like to keep this item under review.

Item #13 – ILEV Review Process and MA Cultural Council Report – Chief Delaney stated that he and General Counsel Grossman will be meeting about this item and then will update the Commission on progress.

Item #14 - Hiring Process – Chair Judd- Stein stated that she has tried to come up with a process regarding when Commissioners become involved in hiring processes and would like to share the conversation at a public meeting and reduce to policy moving forward.

Add-on- Director Vander Linden would like to add the Asian Cares Report to be placed under review.

Having no further business, Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Cameron: Aye.

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated September 24, 2021