

Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time:September 30, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.Place:Massachusetts Gaming CommissionVIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5293PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 543 3587

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

Call to Order

1:00 p.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 65th 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'BrienAye.Commissioner Zuniga:Aye.Commissioner Stebbins:Aye.Chair Judd-Stein:Aye.

Approval of Minutes

1:02 p.m. Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of September 16th, 2020, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. There were two edits requested. 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, pending the edits.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Potential Commission Meeting on October 8th)

<u>Item #1 – Administrative Update</u>. Executive Director Wells will provide a staffing update, as well as a casino reopening check-in.

<u>Item #2 – Regulations</u>. 205 CMR 146.13 (in re: physical characteristics of Blackjack tables) and a Small Business Impact Statement will be added to the agenda for initial review and approval to begin promulgation. General Counsel Grossman added that he and Director of Research and Responsible Gaming, Mark Vander Linden are also working on amendments to the Voluntary Self-Exclusion regulation, which will be added to the October 22^{nd} Commission meeting agenda at the next agenda-setting meeting.

Item #3 – Plainridge Park Re-Licensing Status. This item has been completed.

<u>Item #4 – Internal Control Officer Designation</u>. This item will be postponed until the October 22^{nd} Commission meeting.

<u>Item #5 – Amendments to "Rules of the Games"</u>. IEB Assistant Director/Gaming Agents Chief Bruce Band stated that this item will be ready to present for a vote.

<u>Added Item: GPAC Subcommittee Reappointments</u>. Construction Project Oversight Manager Joe Delaney will present this item for a vote.

<u>Added Item: Reintroduction of Roulette for Category 1 Licensees.</u> Interim Director of the Investigation and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) Loretta Lillios will present this item for a vote.

(Potential Commission Meeting on October 14th)

<u>Item #6 – SEIGMA Research Public Meeting</u>. Mr. Vander Linden has this item ready for presentation at the special meeting on 10/14.

(Potential Commission Meeting on October 22nd)

<u>Item #7 – Regulations for Use of Community Mitigation Fund</u>. This item will be ready to present for initial review and a vote to begin promulgation.

<u>Item #8 – Community Mitigation Fund Policy & Initial Draft Guidelines 2021</u>. Mr. Delaney will have this item ready to present.

<u>Item #9 – Racing – Quarterly Local Aid Payments</u>. Mr. Bourque will present this item for a vote.

Added Item: PPC Tourism Hospitality Plan. Ms. Griffin is in process with this item and will confirm as soon as possible.

Added Item: PPC Operational Goods and Services Plan. Ms. Griffin is in process with this item and will confirm as soon as possible.

(Potential Commission Meeting on November 5th)

<u>Item # 10 - 2021 Racing Applications</u>. Racing Director Dr. Alex Lightbown will have the PPC Racing Application ready for discussion and a vote, which is required by 11/15.

<u>Added Item: Q3 Quarterly Reports</u>. Mr. Delaney stated that the logistics for this item's presentation are currently in process. He currently estimates two reports presented at the November 5th Commission meeting, and one at the November 19th Commission meeting.

(Under Review)

Item # 11 – Juvenile Records Review Update. This item will remain under review at this time.

<u>Item # 12 – Review of M.G.C. Enhanced Code of Ethics Update</u>. This item will remain under review at this time.

<u>Item # 13 – Status Update – Independent Directors Gaming Vendor Primary</u>. This item will remain under review at this time.

<u>Item # 14 – Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Promotional Fund Consideration</u>. This item will remain under review at this time.

<u>Item # 15 – Annual Report – Draft Review.</u> Commissioner Zuniga stated that the report will be ready for an early November meeting.

<u>Added Item: Encore Construction Report</u>. Mr. Vander Linden added this item and stated that it is currently under review.

<u>Added Item: Encore Public Safety Report</u>. Mr. Vander Linden added this item and said the oneyear review should be concluded by the end of the year. The Chair noted that a Public Safety Committee meeting should be presented in conjunction with this item.

<u>Added Item: Final Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines</u>. Mr. Delaney is adding this item for final approval in December.

1:40 p.m. Having no further business, Commissioner Zuniga 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

- Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated September 30th, 2020
- 2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes
- 3. Meeting Minutes of the September 16th, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins Secretary