



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 4, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Loretta Lillios
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Trupti Banda
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	Bruce Band
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Katrina Jagroop-Gomes
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	John Ziemba
Todd Grossman	Karen Wells
Jill Griffin	Carrie Torrisi
Alexandra Lightbown	Elaine Driscoll
Mark Vander Linden	

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Judd-Stein called to order the 60th Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of August 7, 2019, subject to correction for typographical errors and other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on September 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ed Bedrosian will have an administrative update.

Item #2 – Regulations. There will be one draft regulation up for approval to begin the promulgation process. Ms. Wells asked the Commission for feedback regarding the junket regulation that was drafted by counsel for an initial vote. There will be a discussion with a potential vote.

Item #3 – Region C – Motion for Reconsideration. Ms. Blue will have materials to the Commission regarding what the legal division will put in the Commissioner’s packet. Attorneys from both the Commission and Mass Gaming & Entertainment (MG&E) will make presentations, with a discussion at the end, with a potential vote.

Item #4 – Encore Boston Harbor Update on Suitability Decision Condition – Executive Coach. This item will be combined with agenda item #6.

Item #5 –Licensee Policies on Switching Jackpots. Commissioner Stebbins and Bruce Band will have this update ready.

Item #6 – Encore Boston Harbor Quarterly Report This item will be combined with item #3. Mr. Ziemba stated that there will be a separate item to reflect the completion of the 90-day construction commitments deadline. This will be the construction final quarterly report and transportation plans. Mr. Delaney will provide the construction update entitled, “90-day Commitment Update” that will require a vote in case an extension of days is needed.

Item #7 – Plainridge Park Casino License Renewal. Commissioner Zuniga stated that Mr. Grossman will give a presentation that will lead to a discussion regarding jurisdictions.

Item #8 – Gambling Behavior, Risk Factors for Problem Gambling and Public Health Recommendations: A Pilot Study in Boston’s Chinatown. Mr. Vander Linden anticipates this item to be ready for October 10.

Item #9 – MA Gaming Impact Cohort Study Wave 3. Mr. Vander Linden will have this presentation ready.

(Anticipated Commission Meeting on September 26, 2019, at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield)

Item #10 – MGM Springfield Quarterly Report. Mr. Ziemba will have this report ready. There will also be an enhanced discussion of 31 Elm street to determine if there is further need for Commission action regarding the residential requirement. Will discuss a potential vote on this issue.

Item #11 – Springfield Real Estate Research Report. Mr. Vander Linden will have this report ready. There will be a speaker on this report.

Item #12 – Racing Update. Dr. Lightbown will have this update ready. Chad Borque will be away so this will be moved to the following meeting. She noted that racing applications will be ready to present at the first meeting in October, and suggested moving everything to that meeting, as Mr. Borque will be back then.

Item #13 – Racing 2018 Annual Report. See above Item #12.

Item #14 – FY21 Community Mitigation Fund Application Guideline Review. Mr. Ziemba will have this presentation ready for the Commission.

(Anticipated Commission Meeting on October 10, 2019)

Item #15 – Construction Diversity Best Practices Report. Ms. Griffin will have this item ready.

Item # 16 – Encore Boston Harbor Baseline Public Safety Report. Mr. Vander Linden stated that this item is in progress and will be ready for presentation after meetings in October. He will try to book a meeting with Christopher Bruce on October 24th or the 27th, to see if he may be able to appear at the November 7th Commission meeting.

Item #17 – Year 3 Plainridge Park Casino Operations Report. This report will be ready for the November 7th Commission meeting.

Item #18 – Town of Plainville Impact Report. Mr. Ziemba will present item #'s 17 and 18 at the November 7th Commission Meeting.

Item #19 – Town of Plainville and Surrounding Communities Public Safety Report – 3 Year Follow Up. This item is expected to be presented at the November 7th Commission meeting.

Item #20 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies. This item is currently in progress.

Item #21 – Minority Equity Participation. This report is currently in progress.

Item #22 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. This item is currently under review.

Item #23 – MGC 2019 Annual Report. This report is in progress.

(Quarterly)

Item #24 – Licensee Quarterly Reports – MGM, PPC, & Encore. – There are no quarterly reports due at this time.

Additional Items:

1. Ms. Wells would add to the September 12th Commission meeting agenda additional questions for the MA Supplemental forms for licensing applications as well as refinements to the criminal history sections in the applications.
2. Ms. Griffin to add agenda item on Summit on Diversity and Construction update at the September 26th Commission meeting in Springfield.
3. Mr. Vander Linden to add agenda item of PlayMyWay update on MGM and Encore entitled, “Update on Play Management for Category 1 Licensees” for October 10th Commission meeting. Will present with Katrina Jagroop-Gomes and Scott Helwig.
4. Commissioner Zuniga to add an agenda item to September 26th Commission meeting in Springfield an update on New England gaming market revenue.

5. Mr. Vander Linden to add an Announcement of the Research Services Award – re-procurement of SEIGMA at October 10th Commission meeting for a vote.
6. Mr. Vander Linden to add Chinatown Research update for October 10th Commission meeting.
7. Dr. Lightbown to add an agenda item to review Racing applications for October 10th Commission meeting for votes.
8. Update on what? conference before the MAJIC presentation on the 12th. – Vander Linden
9. Mr. Ziemba will present at the September 26th Commission meeting the Community Mitigation Fund guidelines, which will be posted for public comment;
10. Mr. Vander Linden will let the Commission know if a preview can be provided regarding his report on MGM Springfield’s economic impact of construction at the September 26th Commission meeting. However, this presentation is slated to be ready for and be presented at the October 24th meeting.

11:00 a.m. *With no further business, the Commission went into executive session pursuant to the Open Meeting Law.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated September 4, 2019
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated August 29, 2019
3. Meeting Minutes of the August 7, 2019 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary