



Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Agenda Setting
Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 4, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. EST

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
MEETING ID: 111 764 1469

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

Interim Chair Jordan Maynard called to order Agenda Setting Meeting #176 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”).

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

*Interim Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O’Brien
Commissioner Bradford R. Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner*

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. August 22, 2024

Commissioner Skinner confirmed that the minutes from the August 22, 2024 agenda setting meeting would be rolled over to the next meeting.

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 12, 2024 – 10:00 AM EST

Item #1 – Administrative Update – Executive Director Serpa confirmed that an administrative update would occur on September 12, 2024.

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Skinner confirmed at least one set of public meeting minutes, from December 20, 2022, would come forward on September 12th.

Item #3 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Torrasi confirmed that no regulations would come forward on September 12, 2024.

Item #5 – Sports Wagering – Sports Wagering Business Manager Beauchemin confirmed that no items would be coming forward on September 12th.

Add-on Item – IEB – Non-Compliance Matter – Chief Enforcement Counsel Kramer confirmed an agenda item for the Commission’s review and initial discussion of a sports wagering non-compliance matter.

Add-on Item – Hiring Committee Update – Sports Wagering – Executive Director Serpa requested an agenda item to present an update from the Sports Wagering Hiring Committee on their candidate search for the next Sports Wagering Division Chief.

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 this item.

Item #3 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Torrasi 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 #4 – Sports Wagering – Compliance Update Reports – Business Manager Beauchemin confirmed that a report on compliance updates would come forward for review and discussion before the Commission on September 26, 2024.

Item #5 – Licensee Diversity Audit – Commissioner Skinner confirmed that this item was ready to go forward at the September 26, 2024, public meeting.

Item #6 – Community Mitigation Fund – Chief of the Community Affairs Division, Joe Delaney confirmed discussion of the draft Community Mitigation Fund Guidelines for 2025 on September 26, 2024.

Add-on Item – IEB – Non-Compliance Matters – Chief Enforcement Counsel Kramer requested an agenda item for the Commission’s review and discussion of two sports wagering non-compliance matters.

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

Item #1 – Administrative Update – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Item #3 – Regulations – Deputy General Counsel Torrisi noted that this item would be updated at a future agenda setting meeting.

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

Add-on Item – Community Mitigation Fund – Subcommittee Members – Chief Delaney requested an agenda item for the Commission’s approval of Community Mitigation Subcommittee members.

Add-on Item – Finance Division – FY25 Quarterly Budget Update – CFAO Lennon requested an agenda item for discussion of the First Quarter Budget for FY 2025.

Add-on Item – Finance Division – FY24 Close Out Budget Report – CFAO Lennon requested an agenda item for discussion of the Close Out Budget Report on the FY 2024 Budget.

Add-on Item – Responsible Gaming – Kiosk Study Report – Director Vander Linden requested that this item be moved from under review and added to the October 10, 2024, meeting agenda.

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 24th meeting agenda.

Item #1 – Administrative Update – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Item #2 – Meeting Minutes – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

Item #3 – Regulations – *This item was tentatively confirmed.*

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

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 requested that this item remain under review.

Item #3 – EBH – East Broadway; Process & Ultimate Action – Though the East Broadway Project was on permanent hold, 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 October or early November.

Item # 5 – Procurement Threshold Discussion – CFAO Lennon confirmed that this item would remain under review but anticipated that the matter would be finalized prior to the year’s end.

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

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

Item #8 – Sports Wagering Kiosk Report – Research and Responsible Gaming Division – Director Vander Linden noted that item was added to the October 10, 2024, public meeting agenda.

Item #9 – Bally’s 90 Day Audit – IT Division – Compliance Manager Tavares requested that this item remain under review.

Item #10 – 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 #11 – 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 be added 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 would materials and submissions would be required as a part of the 2025 License Renewal Process.

4. Commissioner Updates

Commissioners had no updates to share at this meeting.

5. Other Business

Having no further business, Commissioner O'Brien moved to adjourn. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner O'Brien Aye.

Commissioner Hill Aye.

Commissioner Skinner Aye.

Interim Chair Maynard Aye.

The motion passed unanimously 4-0. Meeting adjourned.

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting & Agenda](#), dated August 30, 2024

FUTURE SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:

August 29 (Public)
September 4 (Agenda Setting)
September 12 (Public)
September 18 (Agenda Setting)
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)