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Notice of Hearing

October 16, 2024

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RE: Application for License to Hold or Conduct a Racing Meeting for Calendar Year 2025

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (hereinafter, "Commission") will convene an adjudicatory hearing relative to whether to grant the renewal application of Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC ("PGR") for a license to hold or conduct a racing meeting in Plainville, Massachusetts for calendar year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 128A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the process contemplated within 205 CMR 15.00.

The hearing will take place on **Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.** and will be conducted via remote collaboration technology. A link to the meeting will be provided to you in advance of the hearing. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with 205 CMR 101.01, G.L. c. 30A, §§10 and 11, and 801 CMR 1.02: *Informal/Fair Hearing Rules*.

PGR submitted an Application for License to Hold or Conduct a Racing Meeting in Plainville, Massachusetts for calendar year 2025 ("Application"). The applicant should be prepared to address all matters in the Application as well as the statutory requirements for granting a racing license set out in G.L. c. 128A. Further, the applicant should be prepared to address the following issues:

1. Whether PGR has submitted an application that meets the requirements of G.L. c. 128A, and 205 CMR 15.02.
2. Whether PGR has provided adequate answers to the questions set out by the Commission in the Application including:



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- a. The financial ability of PGR to operate a racetrack, per G.L. c. 128A, § 3(i), and 205 CMR 15.03(5)(a)(1);
 - b. The impact of the Application on the maximization of state revenues, per G.L. c. 128A, § 3(i) and 205 CMR 15.03(5)(a)(3)(b);
 - c. The suitability of racing facilities for operation at the time of the year for which dates are assigned, per G.L. c. 128A, § 3(i) and 205 CMR 15.03(5)(a)(3)(d);
 - d. The circumstance that large groups of spectators require safe and convenient facilities, per G.L. c. 128A, § 3(i) and 205 CMR 15.03(5)(a)(3)(d);
 - e. The interest of members of the public in racing competition honestly managed and of good quality, per G.L. c. 128A, § 3(i) and 205 CMR 15.03(5)(a)(3)(e);
 - f. The necessity of having and maintaining proper physical facilities for racing meetings, per G.L. c. 128A, § 3(i) and 205 CMR 15.03(5)(a)(3)(f);
 - g. The economic interest and investments of those who in good faith have provided and maintain such facilities, per G.L. c. 128A, § 3(i) and 205 CMR 15.03(5)(a)(3)(g);
3. Whether the Applicant is financially responsible, able to meet obligations to the Commonwealth, has suitable and safe facilities for the service of patrons, and is likely to conduct racing in accordance with approved practices and in a manner consistent with the public safety, health, morals, and welfare, including the suitability of the Applicant and its leadership to hold or conduct a racing meeting, per 205 CMR 15.03(5)(a)(4).
 4. The reputation for honest dealing and gaming history of the Applicant's ownership and leadership, per 205 CMR 15.03(5)(a)(5).

Additionally, PGR shall ensure that the following individuals are present at the hearing and prepared to address the issues noted above and respond to any other matters raised in the Application:

- Steve O'Toole
- Additionally, the Commission may require any of the individuals identified in the Application to appear at the hearing to address any matters relating to the Application.

The Commission may call the following witnesses:

- Kara O'Brien, Chief of the Licensing Division, IEB
- Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Director of the Division of Racing
- Any other individuals or entities who have or are likely to have relevant information regarding the Application.

The Applicant may be represented by an attorney and may present written and oral testimony as well as any other evidence relevant to the issues posed above. Further, the Applicant may present witnesses with relevant information in support of its case. The Commission may call witnesses to testify, including but not limited to expert witnesses. The Applicant will be afforded the opportunity to cross examine any witnesses called by the Commission. All documentary evidence anticipated to be introduced at the hearing, along with a list of all witnesses that may be called to testify at the hearing, shall be submitted to the Commission by **5:00PM, Friday, October 25, 2024**. For ease of reference at



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the hearing, the Commission will pre-mark all exhibits for identification in advance of the hearing and circulate the list thereof.

A pre-hearing conference will be scheduled in advance of the hearing to address the anticipated procedure for the hearing and to address any pre-hearing issues.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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