



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 11, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Present: Commissioner Enrique Zuniga
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien

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closed-captioning.**



Call to Order

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[10:00 a.m.](#) Executive Director Ed Bedrosian called to order public meeting #253 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

Approval of Minutes

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[10:00 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the September 27th Commission Meeting, subject to correction for typographical errors and other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Stebbins noted that there was one correction needed at the 12:01 p.m. mark where the word “by” should be replaced with “in”, to correct the context of the statement. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 – 0.*

Administrative Update

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[10:12 a.m.](#) **General Update**

Executive Director Bedrosian updated the Commission on the status of the Commission's Year-End Financial Closeout Report, as well as the Annual Report. He then made necessary adjustments to this meeting's agenda.

[10:02 a.m.](#) **Confirmation of Interim Chair**

The Commission affirmed the designation of Commissioner Gayle Cameron as the interim chair of the Commission until the Governor designates a permanent chair.

[10:03 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission designate Commissioner Cameron as interim chair until a permanent chair is appointed by Governor Baker. Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion.
The motion was approved 3 – 0 with Commissioner Cameron abstaining.*

Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development

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[10:04 a.m.](#) **Encore Boston Harbor Vendor Plan Comment Period**

Jill Griffin, Director of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development presented a memo for the Commission's review regarding the Encore Boston Harbor – Affirmative Action Program for Equal Opportunity / Plan to Identify Local Vendors for Goods and Services. It was noted that it is posted for the public to comment. Encore Boston Harbor representatives will present the plan to the Commission for approval on Thursday, October 26, 2018.

[10:12 a.m.](#) **Workforce Update**

Jill Griffin, Director of the Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development Division reported that on the previous day, she and colleagues attended the Access and Opportunity Committee meeting. This was MGM Springfield's last meeting to present their final diversity statistics regarding both workforce and supplier diversity. She stated that MGM had surpassed all of its goals for workforce, supplier diversity. Director Griffin went on to report other workforce statistics for MGM.

Research and Responsible Gaming

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[10:21 a.m.](#) **Two-Year Real Estate Impact Report**

The Commission reviewed a slide presentation, introduced by Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming, from UMass Amherst and the Donahue Institute covering the real estate impacts of the Plainridge Park Casino on the region. This was the first follow-up report since the implementation of the study. Dr. Henry Rensky, PhD, UMass Amherst reported the main study areas and the team's findings that were contained in the report.

11:20 a.m. Gaming Research Update

Director Mark Vander Linden provided the Commission with an update on the status of the Research and Responsible Gaming Division's research. The Commission reviewed a memo which outlined current reports, studies, data, and research deliverables added for fiscal year 2019.

Director Vander Linden and Rachel Volberg, PhD, UMass Amherst reviewed fact sheets with the Commission that they developed. They reported the status of the Massachusetts Gambling Impact Cohort study (MAGIC), as well as the status of Social and Economic Impacts of Gambling in Massachusetts study (SEIGMA).

Commissioner's Updates

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11:34 p.m. Commissioner Stebbins echoed the sentiments made by Director Jill Griffin regarding the Access and Opportunity Committee meeting. He added that it was gratifying to see the results, as well as the positive attitude of the tradespeople and, contractors. He also expressed kudos to the team at MGM.

11:35 a.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cameron. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated October 11, 2018
2. Meeting Minutes Draft, dated September 27, 2018
3. SEIGMA Real Estate Impacts of the Plainridge Park Casino – slide presentation
4. SEIGMA Real Estate Impacts of the Plainridge Park Casino on Plainville and Surrounding Communities– slide presentation
5. SEIGMA MAGIC Fact Sheets
6. Gaming Research Update Memo, dated October 11, 2018
7. Encore Boston Harbor Vendor Plan Memo dated October 4, 2018
8. Encore Boston Harbor Supplier diversity and Local Vendor Plan Letter dated September 21, 2018
9. Initial Impacts of the Plainridge Park Casino (PPC) PowerPoint Presentation
10. Gaming Research Update Memo dated October 11, 2018

/s/ Catherine Blue
Assistant Secretary