

# Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** March 21, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission

101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor

Boston, Massachusetts

**Present:** Commissioner Stephen Crosby Catherine Blue

Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga
Elaine Driscoll
Alexandra Lightbown
Katrina Jagroop-Gomes
Paul Connelly
Jill Griffin
Loretta Lillios
Bruce Band
Trupti Banda
Karen Wells

#### Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chairman Crosby called to order the 30<sup>th</sup> Agenda Setting meeting.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes of the Agenda Setting meeting on March  $7^{th}$ , 2018. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed 4-0

## **Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings**

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

<u>Item #1 – Administrative Update</u>. Edward Bedrosian Jr. will do an administrative update. Possible vote on new staff positions for April 12<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

<u>Item #2 – MGM Project Update</u>. Edward Bedrosian Jr. will present the update.

<u>Item #3 – Regulations (will be added per meeting)</u>. Catherine Blue stated that there will be a public regulation hearing before the commission meeting on the 29th. There will also be regulations brought before the Commissioners for a vote at the March 29<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting and that the legal department will give the list to Chief of Staff Reilly to put on the agenda.

<u>Item #4 – Licensee Quarterly Reports - Wynn</u>. John Ziemba stated that items 4, 5, and 6 would be ready. Jill Griffin stated that there was a draft plan submitted on item #6 and would be confirm.

<u>Item #5 – Gaming School Update</u>. Jill Griffin will present this update.

<u>Item #6 – Wynn Workforce Development Plan</u>. Jill Griffin will present.

<u>Item #7 – Community Mitigation Fund Grant Applications</u>. This item will be postponed until the April 12<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

<u>Item #8 – MGM Commitments</u>. John Ziemba will change item name to MGM schedule and there will be a vote, per Ed Bedrosian.

<u>Item #9 – Two Year Real Estate Impact Report</u>. This item will move to the April 12<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

<u>Item #10 – Licensee Quarterly Reports – Wynn</u>. This item may be ready for March 29<sup>th</sup>. Edward Bedrosian Jr. will confirm this date at the next agenda setting meeting.

<u>Item #11 – Plainridge Park Casino Service Employee Exemptions</u>. Paul Connolly will push this to a later meeting. MGM will come and talk about utility and casino porters. There will be a vote on the SER exemption request.

<u>Item #12 – Suffolk Sterling Racecourse Purse Request</u>. Alexandra Lightbown will be presenting, for a vote on this item, and requesting a vote to allow Suffolk to move its September racing dates to June.

<u>Item #13 – MA Thoroughbred Horseman's Request to Race at Fingerlakes</u>. Alexandra Lightbown will present for a vote. Several comments have been received.

<u>Item #14 – Approval Plainridge Park Racecourse Racing Officials</u>. Alexandra Lightbown will present Standard Operating Procedures for the opening of Plainridge for a vote.

<u>Item #15 – Harness Horseman's Association of New England Pension Plan</u>. Alexandra Lightbown will present for a vote.

Item #16 – Executive Director Performance Review. Catherine Blue stated that this item is ready.

(Potential Meeting on 4/12)

<u>Item #17 – MGC Quarterly Budget Update</u>. This item will be presented at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting instead.

(Under Review)

<u>Item #18 – Regulation Regarding Firearms in Casinos</u>. Waiting for decision on amendment to the current regulation.

<u>Item #19 – Election of MGC Secretary and Treasurer</u>. Commissioners would like to present this item at the April 12<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

<u>Item #20 – Responsible Gaming Framework Approval</u>. Mark Vander Linden will present this item at the April 26<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

<u>Item #21 – Game Sense Evaluation: Wave 2</u>. This item is pending for presentation in May.

<u>Item #22 – Plainridge Park Casino Mid-Term License Review</u>. This item is pending for presentation in May.

Item #23 – Licensee Quarterly Reports. John Ziemba – MGM, Penn & Wynn

### **Additional Items:**

- 1. IEB has an MGM qualifier suitability approval for March 29<sup>th</sup>
- 2. MA Breeders group would like to present on April 12<sup>th</sup> with Alexandra Lightbown
- 3. Jill Griffin would like to present MGM's plan to ID local vendors for a vote on April 26<sup>th</sup>
- 4. Ed Bedrosian Jr. would like to present gaming floor and gaming establishment designations on April 26<sup>th</sup>
- 10:20 a.m. Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Zuniga. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cameron. The Motion passed 4-0.

### List of Documents and Other Items Used

- 1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated March 21, 2018
- 2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated March 19, 2018
- 3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes, dated March 7, 2018

<u>/s/ Catherine Blue</u>
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary