



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 7, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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corresponding section in
Commission meeting video**

Call to Order

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[10:00 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby called to order the 244th Commission meeting.

Approval of Minutes

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Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2018, subject to correction for typographical errors and other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. Chairman Crosby noted that on page two, the acronym SIGMA needed to be corrected to SEIGMA, and in the Commissioner Updates section, "the next five years" should be changed to read, "the future".

The motion was approved 5 – 0.

Administrative Update

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[10:00 a.m.](#) **General Update.**

Executive Director Ed Bedrosian reported that the anticipated presentation and potential vote regarding MGM Springfield's beverage gaming license application

will now be for the June 21st Commission meeting. Time for public comment on this will be extended to Friday, June 15th to reflect the postponement.

This weekend would be the first week of racing at Suffolk Downs, which would coincide with the third leg of the Belmont Stakes 2018 Triple Crown. Director Bedrosian stated that Suffolk Downs is slated to have 13 races on Saturday, and 12 on Sunday, with over \$1 million in purses available for awards.

Director Bedrosian also reported that he and Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming had follow-up calls with MGM staff and Legal team regarding the Employee Survey Update issue that was discussed at the last Commission meeting.

MGM – Opening Update.

Director Bedrosian reported that there was a major hiring event earlier in the week, and the last shipment of slot machines arrived on Thursday in the prior week. Overall, preparations are going as scheduled.

[10:06 a.m.](#) Bruce Band, IEB Assistant Director and Gaming Agents Division Chief reported that the inspection process for the gaming machines received at MGM is underway. Director Band anticipates that 250 – 300 machines can be inspected per week. Table games are being outfitted with the appropriate equipment. The inspection process for table games will start in June, and should be completed by mid-July.

Director Band also reported that Gaming school is coming along well. All Gaming Agents are attending. There are three gaming agent positions still open at this time, and those positions are being filled.

[10:08 a.m.](#) Paul Connelly, Director of Licensing stated that focus at this time is on applications, and supporting the mass-hiring events. Director Connelly outlined the hiring process where an offer is made to a candidate by MGM, and the candidate moves to their initial drug screen at the MGM employment center. Once the candidate passes the drug screen, they receive a contingent offer. The candidate then moves to the Gaming Commission’s licensing process, where the licensing division reviews the application, and fingerprinting is conducted by State Troopers at the employment center.

Director Connelly expects an estimated 250 new applications from the mass-hiring event that took place from the 3rd through 5th. He reported that the SER exemption has made a major impact in the hiring process, as half the people who showed up to the event did not have to go through the licensing background check process. The Licensing Division has issued approximately 236 registrations so far in 2018. There are an additional 200 in process. In the pipeline there are about 250 anticipated from this last event.

Director Connelly reported that most primary vendors are currently in their renewal phase. Employee license renewals will begin in December of this year,

and the vast majority of renewals (five-year) will begin in May of 2020. Also, the Plainridge Park Casino beverage license is currently up for renewal.

[10:19 a.m.](#) Director Bedrosian proposed a process for the issuance and posting of the MGM Springfield operations certificate. The requirements for this are codified in 205 CMR 151.00. Director Bedrosian suggested that the process mirror what was done with Plainridge Park Casino.

It was suggested that the Commission choose a date well before MGM's opening and have a Commission public meeting in Springfield, at which directors would be paired with their licensee counterparts. Directors would outline their conditions to fulfill the requirements of 205 CMR 151.00 before the Commission. This would most likely be the full meeting agenda.

Director Bedrosian requested that if the Commission is satisfied at the end of the meeting, he would like authority to conduct two test nights (August 16th and August 20th) at MGM Springfield. He also requested the designation of one particular Commissioner to work with staff who would have the authority to issue a conditional operations certificate between the second test night and the actual opening date (August 24th) that may or may not contain several conditions. He opined that having one designated Commissioner would give flexibility for staff to work with one person in real-time.

Director Bedrosian then requested a Commission public meeting take place in Boston the following week after the official opening, where the Commission would authorize the conditional operations certificate. Director Bedrosian asked that Commissioners keep their calendars free on August 2nd and/or August 9th for this meeting, as it would be beneficial to time it for after the occupancy permit with the City of Springfield is issued.

Commissioner Stebbins has volunteered to serve as the appointed commissioner for the opening process. Director Bedrosian will come back to the Commission in July with a confirmed date for the August meeting, as well as with language for the Commission to vote on for Commissioner Stebbins' designation.

Chairman Crosby noted that in the unlikely possibility that there are any complications during the following week or 10 days after MGM Springfield's opening, he would like to be sure to have at least three Commissioners physically available to form a quorum. This will be around Labor Day weekend when people tend to be away. Commissioners Cameron and Zuniga confirmed that they would be available, as well as Chairman Crosby. The Commission will also consider any other contingencies that may arise during that time.

Ombudsman

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[10:29 a.m.](#) **Encore Boston Harbor Quarterly Report.**

John Ziemba presented the first Quarterly Report for Encore Boston Harbor for the period ending March 31, 2018. With him was Robert DiSalvio, President of Encore Boston Harbor, Jacquie Krum, General Counsel/Senior Vice President of Wynn Resorts International, and Peter Campo, Encore Boston Harbor Director of Construction.

Mr. Campo gave an update on the status of construction, highlighting areas that are slated for completion this summer and fall. Mr. Campo presented the project schedule and reported that everything is running on schedule.

Mr. DiSalvio reported that offsite infrastructure improvements to areas in Everett are underway, and construction in Sullivan Square with the MBTA will commence in the summer months. This construction work is scheduled to be ongoing until the end of December, with the possible exception of a couple items that may complete in early 2019.

Mr. DiSalvio updated the Commission on the status of contract awards to minority, women, and veteran business enterprises for this project. They are exceeding their percentage goals for diverse hiring in almost all phases.

Attorney Krum reported on Encore's various efforts of outreach for recruiting workers with community partners. She also stated that they also focused on groups within the community that work on preventing and responding to sexual harassment and abuse. This is part of their ongoing effort to learn best practices and implement any changes necessary to ensure the safety of employees.

The Commission asked if there would be more details forthcoming as to specific efforts being made regarding sexual harassment and the safety of employees. Attorney Krum responded that they are working on a package for the Commission regarding this, and will be bringing it to them in the future.

Mr. DiSalvio stated that he will also provide the Commission with a delivery schedule for the arrival of gaming equipment at the next Commission meeting.

Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development

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[11:00 a.m.](#)

Encore Boston Harbor Workforce Development Plan.

Jill Griffin, Director of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development presented the Encore Boston Harbor Workforce Development & Diversity Plan. With her was Robert DiSalvio, President of Encore Boston Harbor, Jacquie Krum, General Counsel/Senior Vice President of Wynn Resorts International, and Jennie Peterson, Director of Employment at Encore Boston Harbor. This plan was put out for public comment from April 2 – May 1, had received public comments, and was now being presented to the Commission for a potential vote.

Mr. DiSalvio reported that significant edits were made to their plan as a result of public comments that were received, and Ms. Peterson presented these changes to the Commission. She reported that Encore Boston Harbor has raised their minority hiring goals for operation to 40% from 35% in their original draft. Specifically, she noted that from the comments received, they were able to add more specific details to the plan that would help them reach their goal of hiring a more local and diverse workforce.

Ms. Peterson reviewed Encore Boston Harbor's positions and hiring timeline, and reported that the SkillSmart tool used for job postings, training schedules, and updates would be officially launched within the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Peterson reported that subject to the approval of the Commission, Encore Boston Harbor would partner with Cambridge College to open a gaming careers school to prepare individuals to become dealers and casino surveillance specialists. Encore Boston Harbor would provide the curriculum, equipment, teachers, and expertise for the program.

[11:20 a.m.](#) The Commission asked what a new employee can expect after paying the tuition fee for the Encore Boston Harbor Gaming School. Mr. DiSalvio replied that the gaming careers school provides a full spectrum of skills required for employment at Encore Boston Harbor. A job is guaranteed after graduation and passing the audition at the end of the course curriculum. Encore Boston Harbor also offers a tuition reimbursement and scholarship fund.

Ms. Peterson explained that there is an up-front application/screening process for candidates that will help them determine whether or not they are ready and/or able to invest in the gaming school.

Encore Boston Harbor's application process should start in August, and there will be targeted advertising for this as well as for scholarships via the Cambridge College financial office.

Commission O'Brien asked what efforts were being put forth to help employees with childcare needs. Encore Boston Harbor said they are currently working with and considering three companies to provide resources with different options for employees, as Encore recognizes that there is no one-size-fits-all solution for parents.

FOLLOW-UP

[At a future meeting, Encore Boston Harbor should provide more detail about plans for daycare support for employees and possible gaming school employees.]

The Commission requested that Encore Boston Harbor reach out to former Suffolk Downs employees regarding employment opportunities at Encore Boston Harbor, per their commitment, and begin tracking movement/interest level in employment at Encore Boston Harbor. It was requested that perhaps

by the next quarter, Encore Boston Harbor could have some of this information tracked using SkillSmart and perhaps in partnership with the Commission. Commissioner Stebbins recognized that Encore will need more information in order to begin tracking accurately.

Commissioner Stebbins also addressed monitoring individuals with underemployed status as mentioned in the statute, as well as the funding of culinary and hospitality training. Commissioner Stebbins added that the employee survey will help identify those employees who were underemployed. Follow-up meetings were suggested as a condition for the approval of the Workforce Development Plan.

Chairman Crosby inquired about Encore Boston Harbor's proposed job compendium with proposed exempt positions. Attorney Krum replied that they are putting this together now, and will bring it to the Commission for a vote upon completion.

Director Bedrosian asked the Commission to temporarily adjourn this topic and come back for a vote after he had a conversation with the Director Griffin and the Encore staff on a related issue.

Licensing Division

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12:00 p.m. **Plainridge Park Casino Beverage License Renewal.**

Paul Connelly, Director of Licensing proposed the Plainridge Park Casino Beverage License Renewal for approval by the Commission. With him was Burke Cain, Field Manager of Gaming Operations/Deputy Gaming Agent Division Chief, and Lisa McKenney, Compliance Manager of Plainridge Park Casino.

Director Connelly noted that the license renewal mirrored the existing conditions with the exception of the inclusion of a new high-limit lounge area that previously was not included on the gaming floor for purposes of the alcohol license, but is now part of that.

Director Connelly added that Plainridge Park has a strong compliance history, and that there are no concerns that would impact the consideration of this renewal.

Commissioner Stebbins requested that applications for each establishment for each area at Plainridge Park Casino be consolidated, to which Director Connelly said was in progress.

12:15 p.m. *Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Plainridge Park Casino gaming beverage license renewal. Commissioner Zuniga seconded. The Motion passed 5 – 0.*

Research and Responsible Gaming

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12:17 p.m. **GameSense Communication Update.**

Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming presented the GameSense Communication Update with Elaine Driscoll, Director of Communications, Anna Yu, Vice President/Client Services at KHJ Brand Activation, and Todd Brubaker, Creative Director at KHJ Brand Activation.

Director Vander Linden introduced the brand refresh of the GameSense program, and Director Driscoll explained that with the assistance of KHJ, the Commission is now in the process of developing a strong brand that is going to have great sustainability for years to come and something that can be continually built upon.

Ms. Yu and Mr. Brubaker gave a slide presentation, and reviewed the project plan. First, they are relaunching GameSense at Plainridge Park Casino, and refreshing the brand for the GameSense Info Center. Second, the refreshed version will be launched at MGM Springfield when it opens on August 24th. GameSense will be introduced to Western Massachusetts for the first time.

Director Driscoll reported that the GameSense website design and development is well underway, and is anticipating a soft-launch in mid-July, in anticipation of Responsible Gaming Week at the end of July or early August.

Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development (con't)

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12:35 p.m. Director Griffin continued the discussion of the Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development Plan. She stated that the legislature designates 26 cities as gateway cities, to include Taunton, Lawrence, Lynn, Methuen, Salem, Lowell, Malden, Brockton, and Chelsea.

12:40 p.m. *Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the Encore Boston Harbor Workforce Development Plan with conditions that there are follow-up meetings around convening a group to discuss culinary workforce challenges/opportunities, and veteran employment opportunities. Also to work with Encore Boston Harbor regarding monthly progress reporting, tracking groups they are meeting with and tracking success, making a requirement that at the next quarterly meeting, discuss ways to recruit former Suffolk Downs employees into the Encore Boston Harbor talent network database to measure outreach efforts. Director Griffin asked that the Commission allow her some time to prepare a monitoring plan for operations hiring. Commissioner Stebbins allowed this as long as the monitoring reporting was on a monthly basis. Commissioner Cameron seconded. The Motion passed 5 – 0.*

Finance and Administration

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[1:10 p.m.](#)

Massachusetts Gaming Commission FY19 Draft Budget

CFO Derek Lennon presented the Massachusetts Gaming Commission FY19 draft budget projections with Agnes Beaulieu. He updated the Commission from the last meeting, and stated that the budget presentation from May 24th was posted to the Commission's website for a public comment period from May 25th – June 5th. No comments were received.

CFO Lennon reported that they had conversations with MGM Springfield staff regarding how to determine slot fees and gaming positions up until the casino's opening. He noted that once the casino opens, their anticipated gaming positions will be lower than what was initially approved in their application, so some of the cost via assessment from MGM Springfield will be shifted to the Encore and PPC facilities.

[1:24 p.m.](#)

Commissioner Zuniga moved to approve the fiscal year 2019 budget as presented in the packet and as discussed. Commissioner Cameron seconded. The Motion passed 5 – 0.

Legal Division

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[1:24 p.m.](#)

Draft Version of 205 CMR 138.15: Internal Control Procedures for Access Badge System and Issuance of Temporary License Credentials and Restricted Areas, and Small Business Impact Statement

Catherine Blue, General Counsel stated that this amendment updates the regulation to indicate that the casinos issue credentials and not the Commission, but the casinos issue these credentials conforming to the standards set forth by the Commission.

[1:25 p.m.](#)

Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement for the amendments to 205 CMR 138.15: Internal Control Procedures for Access Badge System and Issuance of Temporary License Credentials and Restricted Areas, as included in the packet. Commissioner Zuniga seconded. The Motion passed 5 – 0.

Commissioner Cameron further moved that the Commission approve the version of the amendments to 205 CMR 138.15: Internal Control Procedures for Access Badge System and Issuance of Temporary License Credentials and Restricted Areas, as included in the packet and authorize the staff to take all steps necessary to begin the regulatory promulgation process. Commissioner Zuniga seconded. The Motion passed 5 – 0.

[1:26 p.m.](#)

MGM Springfield Request for Non-Disclosure Agreement.

General Counsel Blue introduced a request by MGM Springfield for a nondisclosure agreement, to add another item.

Deputy General Counsel Todd Grossman reported that he has reviewed the compliance binder that is prepared quarterly for corporate-wide review by the MGM resorts compliance committee as well as other executives and regulators. He added that most, if not all of the other jurisdictions that MGM operates are provided with a copy of this binder. Counsel Grossman and Counsel Blue both recommend that the Commission approve this request as it meets the legal standard for inclusion as part of the NDA.

[1:33 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the nondisclosure agreement for MGM as submitted in the packet, and authorizing Executive Director Ed Bedrosian to amend the prior nondisclosure agreement. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. The Motion passed 5 – 0.*

Ombudsman

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[1:35 p.m.](#) **Community Mitigation Fund Applications/Grant Determinations.** Ombudsman John Ziemba presented the remaining 23 Community Mitigation Fund Applications and Grant Determinations for 2018. With him was Joe Delaney, Construction Project Oversight Manager, and Jill Griffin, Director of Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development.

Ombudsman Ziemba reported that the review team recommended approximately \$4.9 million in grant applications plus another approximately \$440,000 in the use of reserves. He noted that the amounts represent the upper end of the review team's recommendations as the amounts include funding which remains subject to further review.

Hampden County District Attorney's Office.

The Hampden District Attorney's Office is requesting \$475,000 per year for five years to alleviate a potential increase in caseloads due to an increase in crime levels as a result of MGM Springfield.

The review team recommended \$100,000 to cover the salary and benefits of an Assistant District Attorney for one year. The team also recommended that the proposed grant allow the District Attorney's office to spend some of the funds for a portion of the costs of a victim-witness advocate in the upcoming year. This recommendation was made on the premise that the Commission should try to mitigate actual impacts rather than predicted impacts.

City of Lynn.

The City of Lynn filed a specific impact application, requesting \$100,000 that would be combined with previous grants for a comprehensive study on ways to improve Route 107 and ferry issues which were funded under the 2016 reserve. The review team did not recommend additional funds at this time, as they still have \$100,000 left over from the 2016 reserve, and 2017 dollars are not currently utilized.

Focus Springfield.

The City of Springfield is requesting mitigation funds to cover the cost of relocating Focus Springfield which operates a public access television studio and training facility. They have requested \$550,925 for the relocation cost. The review team recommended that since Focus Springfield is a private entity, they cannot directly receive these funds, per the state constitution's anti-aid amendment which prohibits public funds and property from being given to private organizations.

The review team also included a requirement that for any applications involving private entities that the community, the licensee, or a combination of both would need to provide a dollar for dollar match for any mitigation that is requested in the application. As the City of Springfield was seeking \$555,925 the \$300,000 that was provided by MGM as a lease termination payment and which was suggested by the City of Springfield as a match would not fulfill this requirement, so they requested a waiver of the provision. The review team did not recommend that the Commission waive this requirement.

Springfield Valet Parking Pilot Program.

The City of Springfield on behalf of Caring Health Center and other businesses seeks funding for the continuation of the valet parking pilot program. The initial 2017 application for an extension was submitted and allowed a 15 month continuance. The City was awarded \$31,523 through September 2018. The review team did not recommend additional funds at this time.

[2:36 p.m.](#)

Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the recommendation of the Mitigation Committee, and that recommendation is not to fund the pilot shuttle service in downtown Everett. Commissioner Zuniga seconded.

The Motion passed 5 – 0.

[2:12 p.m.](#)

Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the waiver request of the Hampden County District Attorneys' Office regarding the Commission's guideline that states that 2018 specific impact grant funds "may not be used for mitigation of impacts that have not occurred by February 1st, 2018". The waiver request was noted to meet the four required conditions:

- 1. Granting the waiver or variance is consistent with the purposes of MGL Chapter 23K.*
- 2. Granting the waiver or variance will not interfere with the ability of the Commission to fulfill its duties.*

3. *Granting the waiver or variance will not adversely affect the public interest, and;*
4. *Not granting a waiver or variance would cause a substantial hardship to the community, governmental entity, or person requesting the waiver or variance.*

The Motion passed 5 – 0.

Commissioner Zuniga further moved to approve the recommendation from the review team in the amount of \$125,000 for the Hampden County District Attorney's office as discussed. Commissioner Cameron seconded.

The Motion passed 5 – 0.

[2:13 pm.](#)

Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission deny the Lynn request for traffic improvements as outlined in their request and as the committee recommends. Commissioner Zuniga seconded.

The Motion passed 5 – 0.

[2:14 p.m.](#)

Commissioner O'Brien moved to defer the application submitted by Springfield for relocation costs in connection with Focus Springfield with the condition that the mitigation group return to the Commission with a status report within 90 days of today's Commission meeting. Commissioner Cameron seconded.

The Motion passed 5 – 0.

2:15 p.m.

Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission deny the application of Springfield for the continuation of the valet program until 2019. Commissioner Stebbins seconded.

The motion passed 5 – 0.

Transportation Planning Applications.

The City of Attleboro requested funding for a traffic study to identify improvements for Route 1, 1A, and Route 123 as a result of operations at the Plainridge Park Casino.

The review team recommends approval of the use of Attleboro's reserve for this purpose. Grant documents will specify that Attleboro must seek the Commission's staff approval prior to the implementation of any measures.

The City of Boston requested funds to cover costs associated with the engineering and design services for the reconstruction of Sullivan Square, Rutherford Ave. and Charlestown.

The review team believes that Boston's application meets all of the criteria specified in the transportation planning grants, and that the improvements cited are for traffic impacts directly related to the gaming facility.

The Cities of Everett and Somerville requested funding for the design of a connector to the Assembly Row MBTA station. This connector would enable access over the tracks to the station from the Draw Seven Park in Somerville.

The review team recommends approval of this request as it is precisely the type of project envisioned for use of Transportation Planning Funds.

The City of Chelsea requested funds for 100% design engineering of the Beacham -Williams Street corridor. The review team recommends that the Commission provide full funding, as this application meets all the criteria.

The City of Medford requested funding for a survey, completion of documents, and permitting for the South Medford Connector, a pedestrian and bike trail in the region. The review team recommends that the Commission provide the funding requested, which builds upon the Commission's prior grant.

The cities of Revere and Saugus plan to use \$150,000 granted in 2017 for the services of a transportation consultancy firm and \$275,000 to fund a preliminary conceptual design of actions to advance the Route 1 improvement project in regard to the Route 1, Route 99 Corridor. The joint applicant requested an additional \$150,000 for the upcoming year to accelerate the work of the consultancy firm.

The review team does not recommend granting the additional \$150,000, as the team believes that the existing funding could be utilized during the upcoming year. However, the review team recommends funding of \$275,000 for the Route 1 improvements subject to conditions detailed in their analysis.

West Springfield requested funding for a professional engineering consultant to collect data, analyze, and design improvements to Route 20 intersections. The review team recommends this application be approved, as it complements the work authorized in the 2017 Commission award.

[2:47 p.m.](#)

*Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve all the recommendations for the Transportation Planning applications as outlined by the Committee; Attleboro, Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Somerville, Medford, Revere, Saugus, and West Springfield. Commissioner Stebbins seconded.
The Motion passed 5 – 0.*

Workforce Development Pilot Program Grant Applications.

Ombudsman Ziembra presented the Workforce Development Pilot Program grant applications. He reported that the review team has a consolidated application in the western region, and has received two different applications in the east region, but the team found merit in the approaches and, given the immediacy of the potential opening of the Encore Boston Harbor Facility, recommends that the Commission move forward with portions of one of the applications and funding for the other application.

The Metro North Regional Employment Board requested \$300,000 to fund the continuation of several programs, including their culinary training

program run by the New England Center for Arts and Technology, and also a continuation of their Casino Career Advisors program.

The review committee recommends that the Commission approve \$300,000 for the Metro North Casino Careers Consortium. As a condition of funding, the Committee recommends that the Metro North Regional Employment board further discuss concrete areas for collaboration the Boston Private Industry Council.

The Boston Private Industry Council requested \$300,000 to fund hospitality classes, and a casino career navigator to manage day-to-day aspects of the project and also to be the liaison between Encore Boston Harbor and other employers. They also requested funding for upskilling housekeepers with resume and interviewing skills.

The review committee recommends realigning their budget and approval for funding \$300,000 as requested for English language Hospitality Classes and Community local support groups, but revised to 50 gaming scholarships, 25 slots in a pre-apprentice program.

The review committee recommends denials for the casino career navigator position, the future chefs, the upskilling of the current housekeepers and the advisory committee funding requests within their budget.

[3:04 p.m.](#)

*Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the Boston Private Industry Council as well as the Metro North Regional Employment Board applications as discussed and modified by the review team here today. Commissioner Cameron seconded.
The Motion passed 5 – 0.*

Holyoke Community College requested to extend the literacy and math GED and HiSET program. They are also proposing an extension of the Hampden Prep, which is the Springfield Technical Community College accelerated high school diploma program.

The review team recommends full funding at \$300,000. However, they recommend that \$10,000 that was originally requested for the needs assessment tool be repurposed for additional gaming scholarships.

[3:07 p.m.](#)

*Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the application for Holyoke Community College for \$240,000, plus the additional \$60,000 that was previously approved with the modification as outlined by Director Griffin. Commissioner Zuniga seconded.
The Motion passed 5 – 0.*

Non-Transportation Planning Grants

The City of Everett proposed a study of a wayfinding system to connect visitors to the Encore Boston Harbor facility to other parts of Everett. The

review team does not recommend that the Commission authorize this at this time as it involves transportation planning and because of questions about how funding for the project would be made available.

The City of Malden requested funds to engage a planning consultant to assist in the completion of specific Broadway corridor framework plan that will enable Malden to develop an action plan related to land use and economic development as they relate to gaming facility-related impacts on this corridor. The review team recommends that the Commission provide the funding requested.

The City of Revere requested funding for the continuation of a consultant to focus on better positioning the city for economic development opportunities that will result from the Encore Boston Harbor project. The review team recommends that the Commission provide the funding requested.

The City of Saugus requested funding to construct a bike path connecting the Northern Strand Community Trail to the future Saugus Riverwalk. The review team recommends not approving this application as transportation planning is ineligible for this funding.

West Springfield requested funding for an architectural and engineering consultant to conduct a police facility needs assessment and location study. The review team recommends that the Commission approve this application.

[3:22 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission deny Everett and Saugus applications as they do not meet the requirements of the non-transportation planning grants. Commissioner Stebbins seconded.
The motion passed 5 – 0.*

[3:22 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved to approve the Malden, Revere, and West Springfield applications as they do meet the requirements. Commissioner Zuniga seconded.
The Motion passed 5 – 0.*

Reserve Planning / Tribal Gaming and Technical Assistance Grants.

Holyoke requested use of reserve funding for economic development focusing on Holyoke as a destination. The review team believes that Holyoke has complied with requirements under the mitigation fund guidelines for funding for the tourism plan.

Wrentham reserve – Wrentham requested the use of the balance of its reserve for the creation of zoning regulations for the town following the comprehensive land use transportation and marketing study of the route 1 corridor which used \$50,000 of the Wrentham’s reserve in 2017. The review team believes that Wrentham has complied with the requirements under the mitigation guidelines and recommends this request.

The Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District, (SRPEDD) anticipates a planning request for studies to assist communities in proximity to the potential tribal gaming facility in Taunton with regard to traffic and operational impacts, should construction move forward. The review team recommends that the Commission grant a continuation of the \$200,000 for such a program. In order to activate this reserve, such determination regarding Taunton’s potential construction would first need to be made by the Commission.

[3:27 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the grant continuation of the \$200,000 planning assigned to the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District. Commissioner Cameron Seconded. The Motion passed 5 – 0.*

[3:28 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the use of the reserves as prescribed to Holyoke and Wrentham with the attached staff conditions as conveyed by Mr. Ziemba. Commissioner Cameron seconded. The Motion passed 5 – 0.*

Commissioners’ Updates

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[3:30 p.m.](#) Commissioner Stebbins attended the Boston Foundation event where the foundation awarded the Deval Patrick prize to Holyoke Community College because of their culinary program and partnership with MGM.

Legislative Updates.

General Counsel Blue stated that the Commission is now in a conference committee position with the budget, and there are daily fantasy sports bills, as well as the racing bill to consider. The commission has previously given Chairman Crosby the ability to address those issues because they may come between meetings. General Counsel Blue noted that the Commission is in an active period now, and asked that the Commission confirm that they would like Chairman Crosby to act on these matters while between Commission meetings. The Commission confirmed that this is the best way to move forward, continuing with that approach.

Commissioner Zuniga attended a training session in National Harbor for MGM with Director Vander Linden and some individuals from the Mass Council of Compulsive Gambling, and noted that they are actively marketing the GameSense brand and approach company-wide very thoroughly.

[3:34 p.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 June 7, 2018
2. Commission Meeting Minutes Draft dated May 24, 2018
3. 2018 Encore Boston Harbor 1st Quarterly Report
4. Community Mitigation Fund Memorandum to Commissioners
5. 2018 Specific Impact Grant Analysis
6. 2018 Specific Impact Response Letters
7. 2018 Transportation Analysis
8. 2018 Transportation Analysis Response Letters
9. 2018 Workforce Development Analysis
10. Workforce Development Response Letters
11. Non-Transportation Grant Analysis
12. Non-Transportation Responses 2018
13. Holyoke Reserve 2018 Application
14. Reserve – Tribal Responses 2018
15. Encore Boston Harbor Workforce Development Diversity Plan
16. Encore Boston Harbor WFDP Summary Comments and Responses
17. Encore Workforce plan Public Comments
18. Alcohol License Renewal
19. PPC Banquet Event Space Floor Plan
20. PPC Dark Horse Bar Floor Plan
21. PPC Flutie's Floor Plan
22. PPC Food Court Floor Plan
23. PPC Mountain Skipper Express Floor Plan
24. PPC Racing Apron Outside Bar Floor Plan
25. PPC Revolution 1776 Lounge Floor Plan
26. PPC Slack's Floor Plan
27. GameSense Commission Public Meeting
28. FY19 Budget Memo
29. FY19 Listing of accounts Spending and Revenue
30. Next Year Budget all Departments for Commission
31. Next Year Budget by Object Class for Commission
32. Draft SBIS 205 CMR 138.15
33. Draft Reg 205 CMR 138.15
34. MGM Addendum A to Existing NDA

/s/ Catherine Blue
Assistant Secretary