



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: September 27, 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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Commission meeting video, now with
closed-captioning.**



Call to Order

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[10:00 a.m.](#) Executive Director Ed Bedrosian called to order public meeting #252 of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. He suggested that the Commissioners designate an acting chairperson in order to help facilitate the continuing ongoing business of the Commission, after former chair Steve Crosby's departure from the Commission.

The Commissioners all expressed their gratitude for Mr. Crosby's service to the Commission and contributed their thoughts on the matter, before discussing and reaching a consensus to nominate Commissioner Gayle Cameron as acting chair. Since this item was not anticipated when the meeting was posted, the legal department will review it and determine if a confirming vote needs to be taken at the next meeting.

Director Bedrosian made changes to this meeting's agenda to accommodate attendees interested in items that were originally scheduled later in the day.

Approval of Minutes

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[10:11 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the September 13th Commission Meeting, subject to correction for typographical errors and other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 – 0.*

Legal Division

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[10:12 a.m.](#) **Wynn Resorts Hearing Process**

General Counsel Catherine Blue provided the Commission with an oral briefing on how the adjudicatory process will work when the Wynn matter comes before them.

[10:18 a.m.](#) **Request to Re-Open Region C**

The Commission reviewed the Legal Division's response letter to a request to re-open Region C's application and reconsider it. The Legal Division then requested input from the Commission as to how they would like to proceed.

The Commission discussed options, as well as the comments that have been received on the matter thus far. The staff was instructed to post the list of items found in the July 26, 2018 Legal Department memo to the Commission and request comments on those items. There will be a 45 day period for public comment. Once the comments are received and reviewed the Commission will reconvene to discuss this item at a later date.

Ombudsman

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[10:41 a.m.](#) **City of Lynn 2017 Mitigation Fund Transportation Planning Grant**

Ombudsman John Ziemba presented a plan from the City of Lynn to utilize its 2017 transportation planning grant to catalog and evaluate the city's traffic signal systems and identify necessary improvements needed to optimize traffic operations. Construction Project Oversight Manager Joe Delaney also provided the Commission with details of a traffic light study to be conducted as part of the grant for up to \$100,000.00.

[10:47 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the request from the City of Lynn to utilize the Community Mitigation Fund award in the manner described by the Ombudsman. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 – 0.*

Research and Responsible Gaming

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[10:48 a.m.](#) **Voluntary Self-Exclusion Evaluation**

Cambridge Health Alliance presented their findings and reported results of the study they conducted on Voluntary Self Exclusion during the period of June 2015 – November 2017. The Commission also reviewed a slide presentation illustrating the timeline of the study. Commissioner Zuniga stated that he would like to make VSE registration a regional effort with other Northeast states.

Workforce, Supplier and Diversity Development

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[12:01 p.m.](#) **Northeast Center for Tradeswomen Equity Update**

The Commission viewed a presentation that illustrated the “Build a Life That Works” campaign initiative. Within that initiative is the Tradeswomen’s Tuesday programs offered in Boston and Springfield, which are to be expanded due to great response.

Members of the Northeast Center for Tradeswomen’s Equity provided the Commission with a one-year update of the program, summarizing the results of the campaign’s initiative to encourage women to pursue careers in building trades.

[12:32 p.m.](#) **Cambridge College Gaming School Presentation**

The Commission reviewed a presentation illustrating and outlining the strategy of the new Greater Boston Gaming Career Institute at Cambridge College. The program launched on September 27th, working in partnership with Encore Boston Harbor. The program focuses on preparing Massachusetts residents for the new careers opening up in the Commonwealth.

Commissioner’s Updates

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[1:15 p.m.](#)

Commissioner Stebbins was in Springfield to hear Commissioner Zuniga’s presentation on the public health trust fund along with Department of Public Health Associate Commissioner Lindsey Tucker. There were many local stakeholders in attendance that are interested in how that money will be expended and how it might help residents from western Massachusetts who might find themselves dealing with an addiction issue.

Commissioner Cameron represented the Commission at the International Gaming Regulators’ Conference, and spoke on a panel about regulators’ dilemmas. 76 countries were represented at this conference, and she stated that folks were very interested in what the MGC does around responsible gaming.

Commissioner Cameron also spoke at a women’s leadership conference that was hosted by Penn National and the regional chamber.

1:21 p.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Zuniga. Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated September 27, 2018
2. Meeting Minutes Draft, dated September 13, 2018
3. Lynn Summary Memo dated September 20, 2018
4. Evaluation of the MA Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program for June 2015 – November 2017– slide presentation
5. Revised Evaluation of the MA Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program for June 2015 – November 2017– slide presentation
6. Build-A-Life Campaign Commissioner Update PowerPoint Presentation – Fall 2018
7. Cambridge College Gaming School Presentation dated September 2018
8. Cambridge College Gaming School Presentation PowerPoint Presentation
9. Request to Open Region C Response Letter dated September 27, 2018
10. Region C Comments

/s/ Catherine Blue
Assistant Secretary