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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** December 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission

VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292  
PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 869 7373

The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. The use of this technology was intended to ensure an adequate, alternative means of public access to the Commission's deliberations for any interested member of the public.

### **Commissioners Present:**

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein  
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien  
Commissioner Bradford Hill  
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner  
Commissioner Jordan Maynard

#### 1. [Call to Order](#) (00:00)

Chair Judd-Stein called to order the Public Meeting and Public Hearing of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five commissioners were present for the meeting.

#### 2. [Public Comment on Category 1 Sports Wagering Applications](#) (00:39)

Chair Judd-Stein explained that three applicants had applied for a category one sports wagering operator's license, Blue Tarp reDevelopment LLC dba MGM Springfield, Wynn MA LLC dba Encore Boston Harbor, and Plainville Gaming Redevelopment LLC dba Plainridge Park Casino ("PPC"). She stated that an entity that holds a gaming license issued under casino law was eligible to apply for a category one sports wagering operator's license, which would allow them to operate in-person sports wagering and mobile sports-wagering through separate platforms. She noted that each of the applicants mentioned holds a casino license and was eligible for a category one sports wagering license under General Law Chapter 23N.

Chair Judd-Stein stated that the Commission would individually evaluate each application that had been submitted, and in preparation for the evaluation, the Commission was interested in any comments the public had to submit regarding these applicants.

Chair Judd-Stein stated that some commenters had pre-registered to speak, and that they would be called upon to comment. She stated that after the pre-registered speakers had provided comments, any individual who wished to provide comments could ask to speak. She stated that once a commentator was called on to speak, they were to unmute, state their name, where they are from, and who they are affiliated with. She noted that individual comments were limited to three minutes, and a fifteen second warning would be issued, if necessary. She stated that this hearing was not an opportunity for the public to ask questions of applicants, but that questions could be addressed to the Commission. Chair Judd-Stein stated that the Commission would review and consider each written comment, and that written comments would continue to be accepted on a rolling basis.

Chair Judd-Stein invited Jeff Johnson, the Vice-Chair of the Plainville Select Board, to provide his comments. Mr. Johnson thanked the Commission and stated that he was glad that patrons would have options within Massachusetts to participate in sports wagering. He stated that the town of Plainville recommended the application of Plainville Gaming Redevelopment, LLC, d/b/a Plainridge Park Casino, (“PPC”)

Mr. Johnson stated that PPC had demonstrated the ability to work with the community and the state quickly, safely, and effectively on new regulations and new business opportunities through dynamic times. He stated that PPC had timely and effective responses to challenges and opportunities, and that PPC had managed every potential concern Plainville had as a community. He stated that PPC brought Plainville a business partner of economic benefit without being impacted by some of the concerns residents in the community feared, and that PPC’s success would continue to grow with sports wagering.

Mr. Johnson stated that there was importance of a partner with the ability to learn, adapt, and work with the town of Plainville and the Commonwealth. He stated that PPC was a good neighbor and shared that PPC had offered freezer space to the Plainville foodbank. He stated that PPC’s success was not limited to Plainville, and that it was a cornerstone in the tri-town destination partnership between Plainville, Foxborough, and Wrentham. He stated that a sports wagering license would increase the value of the partnership and was key for future economic growth. He stated that PPC was a wonderful member of the community, a caring partner, and an effective economic engine for the area. He urged the Commission to look favorably upon PPC’s application.

The Commissioners had no questions. Chair Judd-Stein stated that a written copy of the comment could be submitted as a written comment. She stated that a second commenter that pre-registered did not seem to be present and suggested that he could submit a written comment. Chair Judd-Stein asked if any other participant wanted to submit a public comment and received

no response. Hearing no other comments, Chair Judd-Stein stated that the hearing would remain open for comment until 1:00 pm.

Chief Administrative Officer to the Chair and Special Projects Manager Crystal Beauchemin requested the screensaver used in the meeting include a link to her email to submit comments if a member of the public wished to speak. Digital Communications Coordinator, David Souza, confirmed he would update the screensaver, accordingly.

*Transcriber's Note: A screensaver was shared, and the meeting was held open for additional commentators.*

At 1:00 pm, Chair Judd-Stein asked if any additional parties wished to offer to comment. Ms. Beauchemin stated that she had not received any further communications via email. Hearing no further business, Chair Judd-Stein asked a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Hill moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maynard.

*Roll call vote:*

*Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.*

*Commissioner Hill: Aye.*

*Commissioner Skinner: Aye.*

*Commissioner Maynard: Aye.*

*Chair Judd-Stein: Aye.*

*The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.*

### **List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda](#) dated, November 30, 2022