



Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: April 30, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

Place: Hynes Convention Center
900 Boylston Street, Room 207
Boston, Massachusetts

Present: Chairman Stephen P. Crosby
Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner James F. McHugh
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

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Commission meeting video**

Call to Order

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[10:30 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby called to order the 150th Commission Meeting. Chairman Crosby welcomed the new State Police Troopers that have joined the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

Approval of the Minutes

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[10:31 a.m.](#) *Commissioner McHugh moved for the approval of the April 16, 2015 minutes with reservation of power to change mechanical and typographical errors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Commissioner Cameron abstained from the vote because she was not present for the meeting on April 16th. Motion passed unanimously.*

Administration

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[10:32 a.m.](#) Director Rick Day introduced the team from Plainridge Park Casino/Penn National and Pinck & Company which included: Lance George, Jack Rauen, Philip Coleman, Shannon Wells, and Dane Wigfall.

[10:32 a.m.](#) Jack Rauen, from Penn National, presented on the Plainridge Park Casino Quarterly Report as of March 31, 2015 and noted highlights which included construction schedule and interior and exterior project photos.

[10:37 a.m.](#) Philip Coleman, from Turner Construction Company, presented an update on construction at Plainridge Park Casino.

[10:42 a.m.](#) Jack Rauen presented on Plainridge Park Casino project costs, construction activity highlights, and workforce and equipment contract diversity progress.

[10:56 a.m.](#) Shannon Wells, Vice President of Human Resources at Plainridge Park Casino, presented an overview on outreach efforts at job fairs, workforce development centers, community colleges, veteran centers, the NAACP, and chambers of commerce. Ms. Wells also presented an overview on the applicant pool, diversity goals, hiring timeline, and training schedule.

Information Technology Division

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[11:11 a.m.](#) Chief Information Officer John Glennon presented an update on the Central Management System project which included IGT contract execution, infrastructure overview and risk chart.

[11:24 a.m.](#) The Commission took a short recess.

[11:33 a.m.](#) The meeting resumed.

Ombudsman

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[11:33 a.m.](#) Ombudsman John Ziemba presented on the City of Brockton's notice to citizens regarding the Commission's suitability process and a request from the City of Brockton for a waiver pertaining to procedural sequence requirements.

[11:46 a.m.](#) Commissioners discussed suitability, waiver, and sequencing matters.

[11:54 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the waiver request from the City of Brockton as presented in the packet and discussed. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

[11:55 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the citizens notice from the City of Brockton as presented in the packet. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

[11:56 a.m.](#) Ombudsman Ziemba presented on the Community Mitigation Advisory Committee and upcoming meetings.

Legal Division

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- [12:04 p.m.](#) Deputy Counsel Todd Grossman presented on draft regulation 205 CMR 138 – Internal Controls which incorporated changes discussed at the last Commission meeting.
- [12:08 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve regulation 205 CMR 138 for final promulgation with reservation of power to make citation and typographical corrections. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*
- [12:10 p.m.](#) General Counsel Catherine Blue presented a briefing on the POWAAH (Protection of Working Animals and Handlers) litigation and requested delegation of authority to enter into settlement discussions to resolve the claims.
- [12:18 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission delegate authority to Executive Director Day and General Counsel Blue to move forward with settlement of the POWAAH matter. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*
- [12:19 p.m.](#) Deputy Counsel Grossman presented on draft regulation 205 CMR 139 – Disclosure and Reporting Obligations which included recommended changes and comments received from MGM pertaining to confidentiality of reports.
- [12:47 p.m.](#) Deputy Counsel Grossman presented on draft regulation 205 CMR 140 – Gaming Revenue and recommended changes.
- [1:00 p.m.](#) General Counsel Blue presented on 205 CMR 102.03 – Construction and Application which included a request to amend the section on waivers and variances.
- [1:03 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Zuniga moved that the Commission approve the mechanical correction to regulation 205 CMR 102.3 as presented in the packet and to promulgate by emergency and start the formal promulgation process. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

Investigation and Enforcement Division

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- [1:04 p.m.](#) Director Karen Wells presented on key gaming executive license application for Jeremy Howland with Plainridge Park Casino.
- [1:09 p.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the license for Jeremy Howland as a qualifier. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

1:09 p.m. General Counsel Blue presented on request for vendor licensing exemption delegation to the Director of IEB and Legal Division. General Counsel Blue will draft a written delegation for the Commission.

1:14 p.m. Director Wells presented on temporary key gaming employee license issued to Jason Gittle, IT Director with Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment.

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated

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1:15 p.m. Chairman Crosby noted there will be a special Commission meeting at the Boston Convention Center on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, for the Brockton suitability application. The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Hynes Convention Center.

1:16 p.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made. Motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, April 30, 2015, Notice of Meeting and Agenda
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, April 16, 2015, Draft Meeting Minutes
3. Penn National Gaming Quarterly Report as of March 31, 2015
4. Plainridge Park Casino Hiring Update dated April 30, 2015
5. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, April 30, 2015, Central Management System (CMS) Update
6. City of Brockton Notice to Voters dated May 1, 2015
7. Letter from the City of Brockton to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, dated April 27, 2015 regarding Request for a Variance with Exhibits
8. 205 CMR 138: Uniform Standards of Accounting Procedures and Internal Controls
9. Letter from Blue Tarp Redevelopment to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, dated April 13, 2015 regarding 205 CMR 138.00
10. Letter from Blue Tarp Redevelopment to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, dated April 24, 2015 regarding 205 CMR 139.00
11. Amended Small Business Impact Statement – 205 CMR 139.00
12. 205 CMR 139: Continuing Disclosure and Reporting Obligations of Gaming Licensees
13. Amended Small Business Impact Statement – 205 CMR 140.00
14. 205CMR 140: Gross Gaming Revenue Tax Remittance and Reporting
15. 205 CMR 102: Construction and Application
16. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Investigations and Enforcement Bureau Investigation Report, dated April 6, 2015 regarding Individual Qualifier Jeremy Howland
17. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Investigations and Enforcement Bureau Memorandum dated April 30, 2015 regarding Temporary Key Gaming Employee License – Jason Gittle

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue
Assistant Secretary