



Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: January 11, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Present:

Chairman Stephen P. Crosby	Paul Connelly
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	John Glennon
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald	Jill Griffin
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Derek Lennon
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Alexandra Lightbown
Bruce Band	Loretta Lillios
Trupti Banda	Janice Reilly
Edward Bedrosian	Karen Wells
Catherine Blue	

Call to Order

10:30 a.m. Chairman Crosby called to order the 3rd Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Zuniga stated that the minutes are detailed. Catherine Blue stated that the minutes meet the statutory requirement for the open meeting law. Commissioner Cameron noted that this is a lot of work for the staff.

Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the minutes of the Agenda Setting meetings on December 7, 2016 and December 22, 2016. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Crosby inquired about the request for DFS commentary that was noted in the minutes. Commissioner Cameron stated that Justin Stempeck is pulling together some articles that may be relevant for the DFS Committee.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

Item #1 – 12 Month Lottery Analysis. Catherine Blue and Janice Reilly reported that Mark Vander Linden is ready to go on this item and Dr. Nichols will participate by phone. Commissioner Zuniga inquired if there was an updated report. Janice Reilly stated she will follow up on the report and get it to the Commissioners for their review.

Item #2 – PPC Capital Investment Plan Required by 205 CMR 139.09. Edward Bedrosian stated that this item should be ready to go.

Item #3 – MGC Quarterly Budget Review. Derek Lennon reported that this item is ready to go.

Item #4 – Non-Gaming Vendor Registration and Item #5 – Service Employees Registration. Chairman Crosby suggested to Karen Wells to put on whatever they have ready and to include the information on what is happening in other jurisdictions.

Item #6 – Licensee Diversity Numbers Review. Jill Griffin reported that this item is not ready to go. She stated that she is working with Joe (Delaney) on a memo to outline the process. She stated that this item may be able to go in March.

Janice Reilly reported on the following additional agenda items for the Commission Meeting on January 19th: Suffolk Downs Capital Fund payment request, Suffolk Downs Capital Fund consideration request, key gaming employee suitability decision, and three sets of regulations for final promulgation (205 CMR 138, 144, and 145).

Item #7 – Table Games Rules Memo Discussion Continued. Edward Bedrosian reported that due to the holiday there is a tight timeframe for posting and review of comments. This item will be pushed out until February so that any comments received can be reviewed. There was a discussion around table games regulations and when they will be ready.

Item #8 – Baseline Online Panel Survey Report. Catherine Blue reported that we should check with Mark Vander Linden on the status of this item.

Item #9 – Review MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Catherine Blue reported that the legal team will meet on Friday to discuss this item. She also reported that they will prepare a memo for the Commissioners with recommendations. Commissioner Macdonald inquired if there are going to be a number of changes. Catherine Blue responded that most changes will be clarifications for employees. She also noted that we can post the memo and ask employees for their input.

Loretta Lillios reported that the exclusion list regulations can be put on the agenda for February 2nd and put out for formal public comment.

Item #10 – Responsible Gaming Planning – Category 1 Facilities – Licensee Comments. Catherine Blue reported that we should hold the date of March 2nd for this item.

Item #11 – Hearing Process Regulations Discussion. Catherine Blue reported that we should get this item started and put on the agenda for March 2nd. Loretta Lillios reported that we are doing a review of other jurisdictions.

Item #12 – Review of 2017 MGM Workforce Development Plans. Jill Griffin reported that she is waiting on scheduling and we can push this item out to the first meeting in March. Janice Reilly stated that we have talked about going to Springfield for a meeting in March and MGM will be presenting their quarterly report.

Item #13 – Table Games Rules Regulations. Bruce Band reported that he would like to get this item on the agenda soon after the February 2nd meeting. He suggested February 16th for a table games regulation meeting. Janice Reilly reported that John (Ziemba) had suggested that Wynn and Plainridge Park Casino put their quarterly report on that date.

Item #14 – Potential Impacts of Marijuana Legalization. Chairman Crosby stated that we held this item to get public comments. Catherine Blue stated that we should keep this item under review. There was a discussion around the marijuana law and what one can and cannot do. Jill Griffin reported that candidates for construction jobs are failing drug tests because of marijuana. Chairman Crosby stated that we should keep an eye on this and see where the law is going.

Item #15 – Deeper Analysis of Baseline Study. Chairman Crosby stated to keep this item on the list.

Item #16 – Gaming Equipment Regulations. Bruce Band reported that this item can go in March. Catherine Blue reported that Carrie Torrisi is putting together a memo with recommendations and it could be ready for the 16th. Bruce Band stated that we could share the memo with the licensees and get their feedback.

Item #17 – Gaming Training Schools and Community College Update. Jill Griffin reported that this item can remain under review.

Item #18 – Review of MGC Mission and Values. Chairman Crosby asked Trupti Banda to take a first look at this and follow up with the diversity trainer for group input.

Item #19 – Licensee Quarterly Reports. Chairman Crosby reported that this item is being worked on and should remain under review.

Item #20 – Online Gaming/Sports Betting. Commissioner Cameron stated that she will follow up with Justin Stempeck on this item.

Item #21 – MGC Officer Elections. Catherine Blue reported that this item can go on the agenda for the second meeting in March.

Commissioner Zuniga inquired about an update on LMS (Licensing Management System). Paul Connelly stated that the best time to present on the LMS will be when the portal goes live in about two months.

Other Business

11:25 a.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, January 9, 2017
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Setting Draft Minutes, December 7, 2016
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Setting Draft Minutes, December 21, 2016

/s/ Catherine Blue
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary