



**NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA  
September 20, 2017**

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. The meeting will take place:

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
10:00 a.m.  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA**

**AGENDA SETTING MEETING - #18**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. September 6, 2017 – **VOTE**
3. Agenda planning for upcoming Commission Meetings (see attachment)
4. Other business – reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.

I certify that on this date, this Notice was posted as “Massachusetts Gaming Commission Meeting” at [www.massgaming.com](http://www.massgaming.com) and emailed to: [regs@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:regs@sec.state.ma.us), [melissa.andrade@state.ma.us](mailto:melissa.andrade@state.ma.us).

9/18/17  
DATE

  
Enrique Zuniga, Commissioner

**Date Posted to Website:** September 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.



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## Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** September 6, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Present:**

Commissioner Stephen Crosby	Jill Griffin
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Todd Grossman
Commissioner Lloyd Macdonald	Alexandra Lightbown
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Karen Wells
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	John Ziemba
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Edward Bedrosian, Jr.	Paul Connelly
Elaine Driscoll	

### Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Commissioner Crosby called to order the 17<sup>th</sup> Agenda Setting meeting.

### Approval of Minutes

*Commissioner Macdonald moved to approve the minutes of the Agenda Setting meeting on August 2, 2017. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. Commissioner Cameron and Commissioner Stebbins abstained. Motion passed 3-0.*

### Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

*(Potential Commission Meeting on 9/14/17)*

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Executive Director Bedrosian will do an administrative update.

Item #2 – Review MGC Mission and Values. Executive Director Bedrosian reported that this item is ready to go.

Item #3 – Review MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Executive Director Bedrosian reported that this item is ready to go.

Item #4 – Vendor Diversity Exemption Process. Director Jill Griffin reported that this item is ready to go and will require a vote.

Item #5 – Hearing Process Regulations Discussion. Executive Director Bedrosian reported that this item is ready to go.

Item #6 – Region C Gaming School Funding Update<sup>1</sup>. Director Griffin reported that the community college presidents will come in for this item and she would like this to be moved to an early spot on the agenda if possible. The purpose of this is to discuss funding for the gaming school in western Massachusetts

Item #7 – Analysis of Authority to Issue Fines. General Counsel Blue reported that this item is ready to go. No commission action is required on this item.

Item #8 – GPAC (Gaming Policy Advisory Committee) Reappointments. Ombudsman Ziembra Reported that no GPAC meeting is scheduled at this time and that this item can be moved out if necessary.

Item #9 – Licensee Quarterly Report. Ombudsman Ziembra reported that Plainridge Park Casino will be ready to present their quarterly report.

Item #10 – NEHBPA Request for Funds. Racing Director Lightbown reports that if she receives the requested audit by Monday, September 11 this item will be ready to go on September 14. Otherwise, she will ask to remove it from the September 14 agenda.

Item #11 – 2018 Mitigation Fund Guidelines. Ombudsman Ziembra reported that this item begins the process of review of the guidelines for next year's community mitigation fund program. Ombudsman Ziembra will be requesting advice on the guidelines and will provide the Commission with a schedule of meetings on the guidelines.

Item #12 – Suffolk Downs Request for Purse Funding from the Race Horse Development Fund. Racing Director Lightbown reported that Suffolk Downs held more races than expected on its last weekend of racing and will be requesting additional purse money from the Race Horse Development Fund to cover the additional races. There was a discussion on whether this should be moved to the September 28 Commission meeting and it was decided to leave this item on the agenda for September 14. This item requires a vote.

Item #13 – Northampton Mitigation Fund Reserve Request. Ombudsman Ziembra reported that this item is ready to go. This item requires a vote.

Additional Items:

Economic Development Fund Update. Commissioner Stebbins asked that this item be added so that he can update the Commission on his work regarding the Economic Development Fund recommendations.

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<sup>1</sup> This item will be corrected on future agenda notes to read "Gaming School Funding Update".

Amendment to the Medford Community Mitigation Fund Grant.

Ombudsman Ziemba asked that this item be added to request Commission approval Of Medford's request to amend the scope of work included in its Community Mitigation Fund Grant Agreement. This item requires a vote.

Recommendation on Play My Way. Director Vander Linden

asked that this item be added to the September 14 agenda. This item requires a vote.

Approval of Capital Improvement Funds for Suffolk Downs and Plainridge Park

Casino. Racing Director Lightbown asked that this be added to the agenda for September 14 and that this item will require a vote.

Update on the Legislative Amendment Regarding Gaming

Service Employees. Chairman Crosby requested that the Commissioner Update section of the September 14 agenda include an update on activity regarding the legislative change regarding Gaming service employees and the requirement to register and undergo a background check.

Appointment of Commissioner to Testify at the Upcoming Racing Hearing. The Chairman asked that this item be added to allow the Commission to discuss the appointment of a commissioner to testify at the September 19 hearing before the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure on HB 9, An Act Relative to Horse Racing and Wagering which was filed by the Commission. This will require a vote. Executive Director Bedrosian asked whether a report on winners of purses at Suffolk Downs could be generated before the hearing. Racing Director Lightbown indicated that we will not have this information by the time of the hearing but will receive this information after the meet is completed.

*(Potential Commission Meeting on 9/28/17)*

Item #14 – Plainridge Park Casino Operation, Economic Impact Report.

Director Vander Linden said that this item will be ready to go and will take About 45 minutes. Director Vander Linden also requested that item # 24, Updated General Population Survey will also be ready for the September 28 agenda and it will need about 15 minutes.

Item #15 – LMS Update. Director Connolly reported that this item will be ready for the October 12 meeting.

Item #16 – Five Year Look Back. Commissioner Zuniga asked that this item be moved to the October 12 meeting.

Item #17 – MGM Springfield Status Update. Ombudsman Ziemba reported that this item Ready for the September 28 meeting and will need approximately 2 hours.

Additional Items:

Economic Development Fund Presentations. Commissioner Stebbins asked that this item be added so that various stakeholders can present to the Commission on their suggestions for use of the Economic Development Fund.

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Close Out. CFO Lennon asked to add this item so he can

present on the final close out of the FY 17 budget.

*(Potential Commission Meeting on 10/12/17)*

Item # 18 – Licensee Quarterly Reports. Ombudsman Ziembra stated that the Wynn quarterly report could be ready on this date. There was a request for a tour of the Wynn facility on the same date. Chief of Staff Reilly will check on the availability of the Connolly Center on this date so the meeting can be held in Everett. Ombudsman Ziembra stated that the Penn quarterly report should be moved to November.

*(Potential Commission Meeting on 10/26/17)*

Item # 19 – Community College Update. Director Griffin stated that this should be ready for this meeting.

Item # 20 – Licensee Quarterly Report – MGM. Ombudsman Ziembra stated that the MGM quarterly report should be moved to early November with the Penn quarterly report.

Item # 21 – Patron and License Plate Survey Report. Director Vander Linden said this will be ready for this meeting.

Item # 22 – MGM Workforce Development Plan Update. This will be an update on local hiring and operations and will be ready for this meeting.

Item #23 – Responsible Gaming Framework Review. Director Vander Linden stated that this can be moved from “under review” to the October 26 meeting.

Additional Items:

Economic Development Fund Update. Commissioner Stebbins asked that this item be added so that he can update the Commission on his work regarding the Economic Development Fund recommendations

*(Under Review)*

Item # 25 – Play My Way Recommendation. Director Vander Linden stated that if this does not remain on the September 14 agenda, it can go on the October 12 or October 26 agenda.

Item #26 –Game Sense Evaluation Wave 2. Director Vander Linden stated that this should be moved to November.

Item #27 – MA Gaming Impact Cohort Study Report. Director Vander Linden reported that this item is on track for a meeting in November.

Item #28 –Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling Funding. Director Vander Linden stated that this remains under review.

Item #29 – Economic Development Fund Hearings. Commissioner Stebbins stated that

this should remain under review.

Item #30 – Cannabis Commission Preparations. Chairman Crosby stated that commissioners and staff are available for advice as needed.

Item #31 – Racing License Applications. Director Lightbown stated that racing license applications are due on October 1 and that the Commission must make a final decision by November 15.

Item #32 – MGC Quarterly Diversity Update. CFO Lennon stated that the MGC quarterly diversity update should go on the October 12 or October 26 meeting.

Item #33 – Two Year Safety Report. Director Vander Linden stated that this is under review.

10:55 a.m. *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Stebbins. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

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

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated September 6, 2017
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated August 31, 2017
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes, dated August 2, 2017

/s/ Catherine Blue  
Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary

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<b>MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION AGENDA PLANNING NOTES</b>	<b>Assigned Person</b>	<b>Documents Due For Books</b>	<b>Potential Commission Meeting*</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>1. Administrative Update</b>	<b>E. Bedrosian</b>		<b>All Agendas</b>	
<b>2. MGM Springfield Status Update</b>	<b>J. Ziemba</b>	<b>9/25/17</b>	<b>9/28/17</b>	<b>Springfield</b>
<b>3. Northampton Mitigation Fund Reserve Request</b>	<b>J. Ziemba</b>	<b>9/25/17</b>	<b>9/28/17</b>	
<b>4. Plainridge Park Casino Operation, Economic Impact Report</b>	<b>M. Vander Linden R. Volberg M. Melnik</b>	<b>9/25/17</b>	<b>9/28/17</b>	
<b>5. Updated General Population Survey Report</b>	<b>M. Vander Linden R.Volberg</b>	<b>9/25/17</b>	<b>9/28/17</b>	
<b>6. Region C Gaming School Funding Update</b>	<b>J. Griffin</b>	<b>9/25/17</b>	<b>9/28/17</b>	
<b>7. Gaming Stakeholders Economic Development Presentation</b>	<b>B. Stebbins J. Griffin</b>	<b>9/25/17</b>	<b>9/28/17</b>	<b>Region C</b>
<b>8. Licensee Quarterly Reports</b>	<b>J. Ziemba</b>	<b>10/9/17</b>	<b>10/12/17</b>	
<b>9. FY 17 Budget Closeout</b>	<b>D. Lennon</b>	<b>10/9/17</b>	<b>10/12/17</b>	
<b>10. LMS Update</b>	<b>P. Connelly</b>	<b>10/9/17</b>	<b>10/12/17</b>	
<b>11. 5 Year Look Back</b>	<b>E. Zuniga</b>	<b>10/9/17</b>	<b>10/12/17</b>	
<b>12. NEHBPA Request for Funds</b>	<b>A. Lightbown</b>	<b>10/9/17</b>	<b>10/12/17</b>	
<b>13. Gaming Stakeholders Economic Development Presentation</b>	<b>B. Stebbins J. Griffin</b>	<b>10/9/17</b>	<b>10/12/17</b>	<b>Region A</b>
<b>14. Community College Update – Region A</b>	<b>J. Griffin</b>	<b>10/23/17</b>	<b>10/26/17</b>	

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15. Patron and License Plate Survey Report	M. Vander Linden R. Volberg M. Melnik	10/23/17	10/26/17	
16. MGM Workforce Development Plan Update	J. Griffin	10/23/17	10/26/17	
17. Responsible Gaming Framework Review	M. Vander Linden	10/23/17	10/26/17	
18. PlayMyWay Evaluation Report	M. Vander Linden	10/23/17	10/26/17	
19. MGC Quarterly Diversity Update	D. Lennon	10/23/17	10/26/17	
20. Review MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics	E. Bedrosian C. Blue		Under Review	Nov
21. Game Sense Evaluation: Wave 2	M. Vander Linden		Under Review	Nov
22. MA Gaming Impact Cohort Study Report – Wave 2	M. Vander Linden		Under Review	Nov
23. Licensee Quarterly Report	J. Ziemba			Nov - MGM & Penn
24. Approval of Racing License Applications	A. Lightbown			Nov
25. Recommendation on PlayMyWay for Category 1 Casinos	M. Vander Linden		Under Review	
26. Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling Funding	M. Vander Linden		Under Review	
27. Economic Development Fund Hearings	B. Stebbins		Under Review	Plainridge Area
28. Cannabis Commission Preparations	S. Crosby		Under Review	



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<b>29. Two Year Public Safety Report</b>	<b>M. Vander Linden</b>		<b>Under Review</b>	
<b>30. 205 CMR 146 Table Games Equipment</b>	<b>Legal</b>		<b>Under Review</b>	
<b>*Assigned meeting dates are subject to change</b>				