



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: October 30, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Mark Vander Linden
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Loretta Lillios
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Karen Wells
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	Bruce Band
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Elaine Driscoll
John Ziemba	Derek Lennon
Trupti Banda	Alexandra Lightbown
Catherine Blue	Ed Bedrosian

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 64th Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of September 18, 2019, subject to correction for typographical errors and other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stebbins further moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of October 16, 2019, subject to correction for typographical errors and other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0 with the Chair abstaining.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on November 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ed Bedrosian will have an administrative update. The Commissioners asked for more operational information from the Executive Director as part

of his administrative update with the idea being that it will allow the Executive Director to report on his team's activities and allow the Commissioners to provide feedback to the Executive Director.

Item #2 – Regulations. The Legal Division will bring the Pick N Pool regulation forward for approval to finalize the regulation promulgation process. The Legal Division will also bring forward amendments to the racing regulations and an amendment to the hearing regulations for a vote to begin the promulgation process.

Item #3 – Plainridge Park Casino Quarterly Report. Mr. Ziemba stated that this will be ready for the meeting. Commissioner Zuniga stated that he would like to have the licensees include additional information in their quarterly reports; for example, information on the completion rate for the new employee survey. Chair Judd-Stein asked for an update on the licensee reporting template at the December 19 meeting.

Item #4 – Racing Update. Dr. Lightbown will present on the Suffolk Downs meet and on the Spirit of Massachusetts race at Plainridge Park.

Item #5 – 2020 Racing Applications. Dr. Lightbown stated that there is only one racing application this year and it is from Plainridge Park for harness racing. The public hearing required by statute will take place tomorrow. The Commission will need to vote to approve Plainridge Park's application for a racing license.

Item #6 – Racing 2018 Annual Report. Dr. Lightbown stated that this is ready to go. Dr. Lightbown and Chad Bourque will present on this at the Commission meeting.

Item #7 – Racing Legislation Update. Ms. Blue stated that she will have a memorandum on racing legislation to the Commissioners on Friday and she will ask Jamie to set up meetings with the Commissioners to answer any questions they may have about the pending legislation. The memorandum will be included in the Commission packet.

Item #8 – Race Horse Development Fund Split. Ms. Blue stated that she will have a memorandum on the split recommendation for the Commission packet and that this item requires a vote by the Commission.

Item #9 – Quarterly Local Aid Payments. This is ready to go. Dr. Lightbown and Chad Bourque will present on this item.

Item #10 – NEHBPA Pension Fund Update. Dr. Lightbown stated that this should be listed as the HHANE pension plan. The reference to the NEHBPA is a typo. HHANE will make a brief presentation on the plan.

The Commissioners discussed whether racing should be moved up on the meeting agenda and determined that it would be a good idea to do so since there is racing that day at Plainridge Park and many of the presenters would like to be back at the track for post time.

Added Item: Approval of Racing of Racing Official: Dr. Lightbown requested that the Commission add the approval of James Traester as a fill in judge for Plainridge Park to the agenda. This item requires a vote.

Item #11 – Town of Plainville Economic Impact and New Employee Report. Mr. Vander Linden stated that he is comfortable with the order of his items on the agenda and that this report is ready for presentation.

Item #12 – Year 4 Plainridge Park Casino Operations Report. Mr. Vander Linden stated that this report is ready for presentation.

Item #13 – Town of Plainville and Surrounding Communities Public Safety Report – 3 & 4 Year Follow-Up. This report is ready to go. Mr. Vander Linden and Christopher Bruce will present on this item. Mr. Vander Linden stated that they met with the Chiefs last week and will follow before the meeting with any Chiefs that couldn't make the meeting.

Item #14 – MGM Springfield 8-Month Public Safety Report. Mr. Vander Linden stated that this item is ready to go and that Mr. Bruce will present.

Item #15 – Encore Boston Harbor Baseline Public Safety Report. Mr. Vander Linden stated that this item is ready to go and that Mr. Bruce will present.

(Potential Commission Meeting on November 21, 2019)

Item #16 – MGM Springfield Quarterly Report. Mr. Ziemba stated that this item should be ready.

Item #17 – Encore Boston Harbor Quarterly Report. Mr. Ziemba stated that this item should be ready.

Item #18 – GameSense Procurement Update. Commissioner Zuniga stated that we are working on having this item ready for the meeting on November 21 and that this item requires a vote.

Item #19 – MA Gaming Commission FY20 1st Quarterly Report and Vendor Diversity Update. Mr. Lennon, Agnes Beaulieu, and Doug O'Donnell will present on this item. Mr. Lennon stated that they will go over the budget numbers and the diversity numbers for vendor spend. Mr. Lennon also stated that there would be a brief presentation by a vendor who is assisting the Commission with engaging diverse vendors.

Added Item: Tribal Litigation Update: The Commission requested that the Legal Division provide an update on tribal litigation matters.

(Potential Commission Meeting on December 5, 2019)

Item #20 – Community Mitigation Fund Final Guidelines. Mr. Ziemba will have this item ready to present to the Commission for a vote.

Item #21 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies. Commissioner Cameron stated that there is a meeting scheduled on this item later this week and that this should be ready for the December 5 meeting.

Item #22 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Chair Judd-Stein stated that we need to follow up on this and asked Commissioners to send any suggested revisions to the Enhanced Ethics Code to Mr. Grossman and Ms. Torrisi for inclusion in a new draft.

Item #23 – Encore Boston Harbor 90-Day Commitments. Mr. Ziemba and Joe Delaney stated that this item is ready to go.

Item #24 – Minority Equity Participation. Commissioner Stebbins stated that there is an event scheduled for November 14 and that he will provide a report on the event at this meeting.

Added Item: Item # 25, Local Community Mitigation Advisory Sub-Committee on Addiction Services Strategy; This item should be added to this meeting.

Added Item: MGC 2019 Annual Report; This item should be added to this meeting.

(Under Review)

Item #25 – Local Community Mitigation Advisory Sub-Committee on Addiction Services Strategy. This item is moved to the December 5 meeting.

Item #26 – New England Gaming Market Update. This should be renamed as the Region C RFI. The Commission asked staff to draft an RFI and bring it to the Commission. This item should remain under review.

Item #27 – MGC 2019 Annual Report. This item is moved to the December 5 meeting.

Item #28 – GameSense Update. This will be a general GameSense Update after the procurement is completed. It should remain under review.

Item #29 – Social and Economic Impact Research Procurement Update. This needs to be ready by December 5. Staff is still working on this item. The parties are far apart on costs and may need to rethink the scope, budget and timing. The Commission discussed bringing this to the Commission for guidance prior to making a final decision.

Item #30 – Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update. This is still under review.

(Quarterly)

Item #31 – Licensee Quarterly Reports – MGM, PPC, & Encore. The MGM and Encore Quarterly Reports will be presented on their regular schedule.

Additional Items:

11:20 a.m. *Having no further business, Commissioner Zuniga made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Stebbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated October 30, 2019
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated October 28, 2019
3. Meeting Minutes of the September 18, 2019 Agenda Setting meeting
4. Meeting Minutes of the October 16, 2019 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Catherine Blue

Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary