



Massachusetts Gaming Commission Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: January 15, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

Present:

Chair Cathy Judd-Stein	Derek Lennon
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins	Loretta Lillios
Commissioner Gayle Cameron	Mark Vander Linden
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien	John Ziemba
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga	Bill Curtis
Karen Wells	Alexandra Lightbown
Todd Grossman	Bruce Band
Elaine Driscoll	Jill Griffin
	Trupti Banda

Call to Order

10:00 a.m. Chair Cathy Judd-Stein called to order the 69th Agenda Setting meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Stebbins moved to approve the minutes from the Agenda Setting Meeting of January 2, 2020, subject to correction for typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters. Commissioner Zuniga seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 – 0, with Commissioners Cameron and O'Brien abstaining.

Agenda Planning for Upcoming Commission Meetings

(Scheduled Commission Meeting on January 23, 2020)

Item #1 – Administrative Update. Ms. Wells suggested highlighting what the Commission should consider, as well as a decision point, when looking at a new agenda item. She asked the Commission for any content requests concerning the administrative updates that she will be providing moving forward. Commissioner Zuniga suggested that Compliance become an item on the list for periodic updates. Commissioner O'Brien suggested rotating quarterly reports. Ms. Driscoll asked if all divisions should start providing quarterly reports. Reports could contain more information on operations. Ms. Wells will try this new

format and await feedback from Commissioners. She will also address issues surrounding the installment of automated drink dispensers at Encore Boston Harbor, as well as provide an update on the racing extension legislation.

Item #2 – Regulations. There are no regulations up for approval at this time. The Chair noted that there are some outstanding Executive Session minutes. There will be another Executive Session in approximately one month, where the minutes should be approved.

Item #3 – Quarterly Report Template Review. Mr. Ziemba will present this item at the Commission meeting on February 13th.

Item #4 – Plainridge Park Casino Request for Capital Improvement Fund Reimbursement. Dr. Lightbown will have this item ready for a vote.

Item #5 – Racing Regulations. This item will be removed from the agenda. There are no racing regulations up for approval at this time.

Added Item: Quarterly Local Aid Payments. Mr. Bourque will present this request for a vote.

Added Item: Unpaid Winnings Form 2018. Mr. Bourque will present this request for a vote.

Added Item: PPC Request for Promotional Fund Consideration- Mr. Bourque will present this request for a vote.

Added Item: PPC Request for Capital Improvement Fund Reimbursement. Mr. Bourque will present this request for a vote.

Item #6 – Region C RFI Questions/Public Comments – Status Report. Ms. Wells will provide the Commissioners with a draft by Friday for review. Ms. Driscoll will circulate the public comments received to the staff. Packet will contain draft RFI, and a list of public questions to be posted.

Item #7 – Licensee Sexual Harassment Policies. Commissioners Cameron and O'Brien will present and review this item at the Commission meeting on February 13th.

Item #8 – Review of MGC Enhanced Code of Ethics. Chair Judd-Stein, Commissioner Zuniga, and Mr. Grossman will present and review this item at the Commission meeting on February 13th.

Item #9 – PPC Compliance Review – License Renewal. Commissioner Zuniga and Ms. Wells will report on a plan at this meeting, in lieu of presenting a memo. The statute states that the fee needs to be deposited in the Gross Gaming Revenue fund. This will be discussed to gather a consensus. An oral update with a consensus on the aforementioned issues will be provided. The Commission will reserve a vote for this item.

Item #10 – Update on the Executive Director Search Process. This item will be added to this meeting’s agenda for a vote.

Added Item: Draft Region C RFI Questions/Public Comments. Chair Judd-Stein and Commissioner Zuniga will have this item will be ready for a vote,

Added Item: Interim Executive Director Compensation. This item will be added to this meeting’s agenda for a vote.

Added Item: Data and Storage Access Project Update. Ms. Driscoll and Mr. Vander Linden are working with Jackrabbit to revamp the Commission’s website. Mr. Vander Linden would like to announce the Data and Storage Access project that staff is collaborating with DPH on, for researchers to access any of the data that the Commission has. There are three items in total. Mr. Vander Linden will bring someone from DPH to speak.

Added Item: Residential Requirement for MGM. Mr. Ziemba will present this item for a vote along with the Quarterly report at the Commission meeting on February 27th for a vote.

Added Item: Mitigation Fund Intake. Mr. Ziemba will present this update at the Commission meeting on February 27th.

Added Item: MGM GameSense Program Update/Report. Mr. Vander Linden will present this update/report to the Commission along with the Quarterly Report at the Commission meeting on February 27th.

Added Item: MGM Lottery Recap. Mr. Vander Linden will present this item at the Commission meeting on February 27th.

Added Item: Business Technical Assistance Grant. Ms. Griffin is finalizing this item to present at the Commission meeting on February 27th. The recipient of this grant is in western MA. She will introduce the grantee to the Commission at this meeting in Springfield.

Ms. Driscoll stated that March is Gaming Awareness Month.

(Under Review)

Item #11 – New England Gaming Market Update. This item is currently under review.

Item #12 – Gaming Economic Development Fund White Paper Update. This item is currently under review.

Added Item: Workforce Development Grant Update. Possible presentation by Ms. Griffin at the Commission meeting on February 13th. Grantee is Jewish Vocational Services.

Added Item: Vendor Spotlight - DVP Transportation Company. Possible presentation by Ms. Griffin at the Commission meeting on February 13th.

Added Item: Vendor Update. Possible presentation regarding the gaming schools reporting requirement at the Commission meeting on March 12th.

Added Item: Gaming Economic Development Fund Update. Commissioner Stebbins is asking for any additional information and confirmation that all information is current. Possible presentation at the Commission meeting on February 13th.

(Quarterly)

Item #13 – Licensee Quarterly Reports – MGM, PPC, & Encore. The Encore Quarterly Report will be presented in March.

11:19 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 January 15, 2020
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Agenda Planning Notes, dated January 15, 2020
3. Meeting Minutes of the January 2, 2020 Agenda Setting meeting

/s/ Bruce Stebbins
Secretary