

## MASSACHUSETTS RESTAURANT PROMOTION COMMISSION

Minutes from the Eighth Meeting of the Commission

State House, Room 428

24 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02133

March 9, 2020

### Commissioners in Attendance:

**Chairperson Keiko Matsudo Orrall**, Executive Director, Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism  
**Senator Julian Cyr**, Cape and Islands District  
**Senator Edward J. Kennedy**, First Middlesex District in the Massachusetts Senate  
**Pat Lee**, Owner and Operator, Horseshoe Grille  
**Bob Luz**, President and CEO, Massachusetts Restaurant Association  
**Kathi Maino Turner**, Turner's Seafood Companies  
**Christopher P. Jamison**, Co-Founder, COJE  
**Rebecca Roth Gullo**, President, Gallows Group

### Commissioners not In Attendance:

**Tiffani Faison**, Chef and Owner of Sweet Cheeks Q, Tiger Mama, Fool's Errand and Orfano  
**Ted Twinney**, Co-Founder and Manager, Start Line Brewing Company  
**Representative Paul McMurtry**, Eleventh Norfolk district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives

### Other Attendees:

**Daniela De Caro-Heavey**, Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism  
**Steve Clark**, Massachusetts Restaurant Association  
**Mete Habip**, The Ripples Group  
**Three Staff members from The Ripples Group**  
**Danny Sitteo**, Senate President Spilka's Office  
**Phil Wettenzel**, O'Neill and Associates  
**Taylor Magnussen**, Representative Jones  
**Jon Chesto**, *The Boston Globe*  
**Tania Leichliter**, Miles Partnership  
**Charlene Rideout**, Kearney, Donovan, and McGee  
**Garrett Burns**, Representative McMurtry's Office  
**Representative Donald Wong**

The eighth meeting of the Massachusetts Restaurant Promotion Commission ("the Commission") was held at the State House, Room 428, pursuant to notice being duly given under the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Chairperson Keiko Matsudo Orrall called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Commissioners Orrall, Senator Cyr, Senator Kennedy, Lee, Luz, Turner, Gullo, and Jamison were present. Representative McMurtry, Commissioners Faison and Twinney, were not present.

Chairperson Orrall then asked the present commissioners to introduce themselves, and motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 24, 2020.

All Commissioners approved the minutes.

Chairperson Orrall stated that she would like to entertain testimony from the public, and opened the meeting up for public comment.

No public testimony was provided.

Commissioner Luz made a motion for the Commission to move into Executive Session. Commissioner Lee seconded this motion. Motion approved by all Commissioners.

Commissioner Lee made a motion for staff members of Commissioners to be present in the Executive Session Meeting. Motion approved by all Commissioners.

**Massachusetts Restaurant Promotion Commission**

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Handouts for this meeting:

1. Commission Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes from the seventh meeting of the Restaurant Promotion Commission– 2.24.20
3. Draft report: Restaurant Promotion Commission

*Recorded by Daniela De Caro-Heavey, Special Projects Manager, Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, March 9, 2020.*