# OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

### MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY

TO:

Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission

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FROM:

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DATE:

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SUBJECT:

Report for the March Commission Meeting

This is a status update of ongoing and special projects in the Office of the Attorney General.

# I. Contracts, Human Resources, and Administrative

### a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Reviewed several contracts for the Communications Division for promotion of public affairs events.
- ii. Reviewed several contracts for the Marketing Division.
- iii. Reviewed various employment issues and documents for the Human Resources Division, and assisted Staff in resolving several issues.
- iv. Filed several liens against retailers on behalf of the AFO Division.
- v. Assisted Staff in responding to Public Information Act requests from a: (1) university student, seeking records pertaining to all lottery winners and retailers from whom winning tickets were purchased; (2) company advertising a database of government procurement information, for Agency procurement records; and (3) media outlet, seeking records pertaining to the Agency's Advertising, Marketing, and Media Related Services Contract.
- vi. Assisted Staff in preparing a response to a subpoena seeking Licensing Division records related to 21 persons.
- vii. Reviewed bills filed during the 2019 session of the Maryland General Assembly that may impact the Agency.

# b. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period:</u>

- i. Assist Staff with matters related to contracts and personnel.
- ii: Continue to review bills filed during the 2019 session of the Maryland General Assembly that may impact the Agency.
- iii. Assist Staff in preparing a response to a subpoena seeking retailer records.

#### c. Issues:

i. N/A

#### II. Lottery

### a. Key accomplishments last period:

i. Reviewed several requests from Product Development relating to new Lottery scratch-off games.

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ii. Reviewed several new XCAP Agreements.

- iii. Reviewed several promotions from Product Development.
- iv. Reviewed several contracts for Lottery sponsorship.
- v. Assisted Staff as needed in implementing the award of the Lottery central monitoring and control system contract.
- vi. Assisted Staff as needed in preparing for the Advertising, Marketing, and Media Related Services RFP to be presented to the Board of Public Works for approval.
- vii. Continued to assist Creative Services and Communications Divisions in developing and implementing the My Lottery Rewards Program by revising the online waiver, and reviewing and revising license agreements.
- viii. Worked with Staff on a license and merchandise agreement for a Baltimore Ravens scratch-off game and second chance promotion.
  - ix. Worked with Staff on a license Skee-Ball lottery game.
  - x. Assisted Staff with notifying retailers that the Agency intends to revoke their retailer licenses.
- xi. Assisted Staff in reviewing and addressing specific procurement related questions.
- xii. Successfully asserted trademark protections for the unauthorized use of the Mega Millions trademark.
- xiii. Worked with Staff on license agreements and lottery games for The Price Is Right and Plinko, and for a second chance license for The Price is Right.
- xiv. Worked with Staff on a licensed second chance promotion for I Love Lucy.

# b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Continue to assist Staff as needed on implementation of the Lottery central monitoring and control system contract.
- ii. Work with Staff on implementing a paperless application process.
- iii. Continue to assist Staff as needed on working with the Mega Millions Consortium on issues related to exploring use of the Mega Million trademark in international sales.
- iv. Work with Staff to update the Release for Second Chance and Points for Drawing promotions and adapt related documents to reflect the updates.
- v. Work with Staff to prepare a new Ravens sponsorship agreement.
- vi. Work with Staff to implement Skee-ball promotions.
- vii. Work with Staff on a license agreement for the New Year's Rockin' Eve Powerball promotion.
- viii. Assist Staff with procurement-related matters.

#### c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

### III. Gaming

# a. Key accomplishments last period:

- i. Continued to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.
- ii. On February 27, represented the Agency in the case filed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County by an individual seeking judicial review

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of the Agency's termination of his temporary video lottery employee license. The individual failed to appear for the hearing. The court's decision is pending.

# b. **Upcoming tasks for this period:**

- i. Continue to assist Staff on enforcement and licensing issues associated with casino operations.
- ii. Develop a chronicle of the work of the Video Lottery Facility Location Commission in awarding the State's six casino licenses.

#### c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

### **IV. Electronic Gaming Devices**

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
  - i. N/A

## b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Provide advice to Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of electronic gaming devices.
- c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

# V. Amusement Gaming Licenses

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
  - i. N/A

## b. Upcoming tasks for this period:

- i. Provide advice to Staff as needed concerning the Commission's regulation of amusement gaming licenses.
- ii. Work with Staff on reviewing issues associated with skills-based amusement device registration and licensing.
- iii. Assist Staff with issues associated with operators of electronic gaming devices.

#### c. <u>Issues:</u>

i. N/A

### VI. Fantasy Competition

- a. Key accomplishments last period:
  - i. N/A

### b. <u>Upcoming tasks for this period</u>:

- i. Assist Staff as needed in implementing the fantasy competition regulations.
- c. <u>Issues:</u>
  - i. N/A